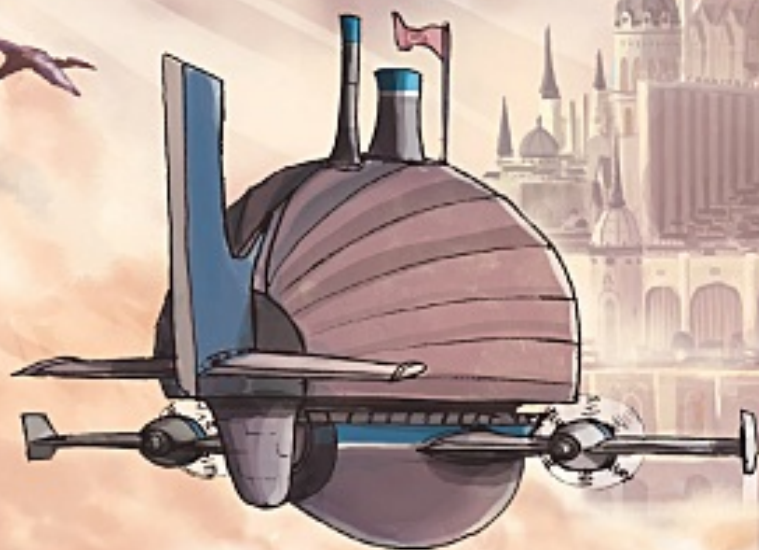


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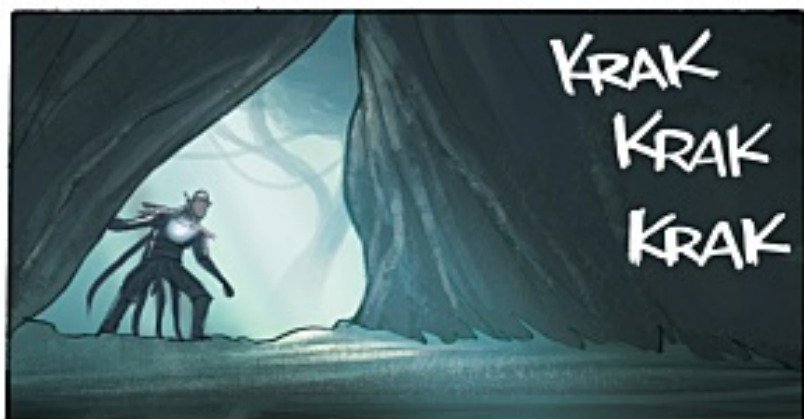
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TRELLIS.

FOR YOUR SAKE,
I HOPE YOU BRING
ME GOOD NEWS.

DID YOU
KILL THE
GIRL?


NO.

WE WILL
NEED MORE TIME
TO COMPLETE THE
MISSION.



THIS WAS
YOUR LAST
CHANCE.

YOU
UNDERSTOOD
THIS.



YOU HAVE FAILED
ME COUNTLESS TIMES,
AND YOU WILL FAIL
ME AGAIN.

WHAT MAKES
YOU BELIEVE I
WOULD GIVE YOU
MORE TIME?




WE'RE NOT
RETURNING
UNTIL WE
FINISH THE
JOB.


I WILL KILL
THE YOUNG
STONEKEEPER
MYSELF AND
BRING YOU
HER HEAD.



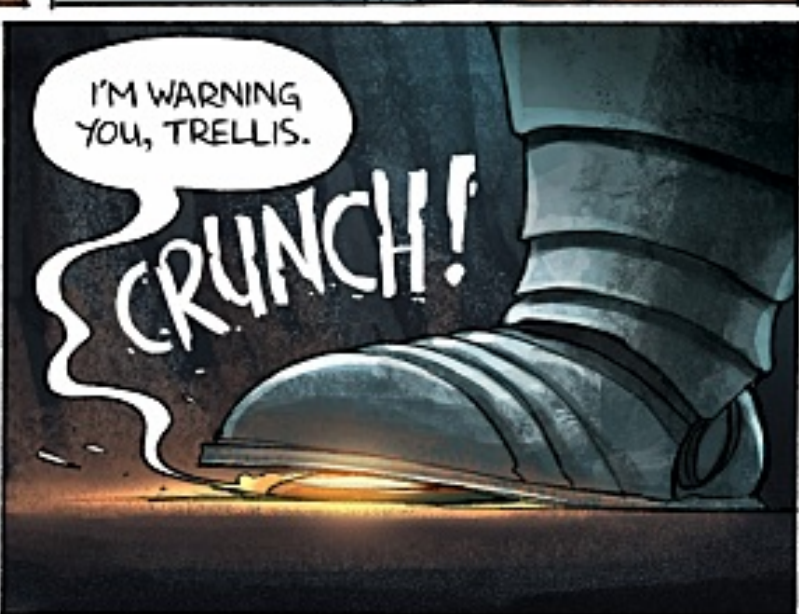
RETURN TO BASE
IMMEDIATELY.



NOT UNTIL
THE MISSION
IS COMPLETE.



RETURN
IMMEDIATELY
OR SUFFER THE
CONSEQUENCES.

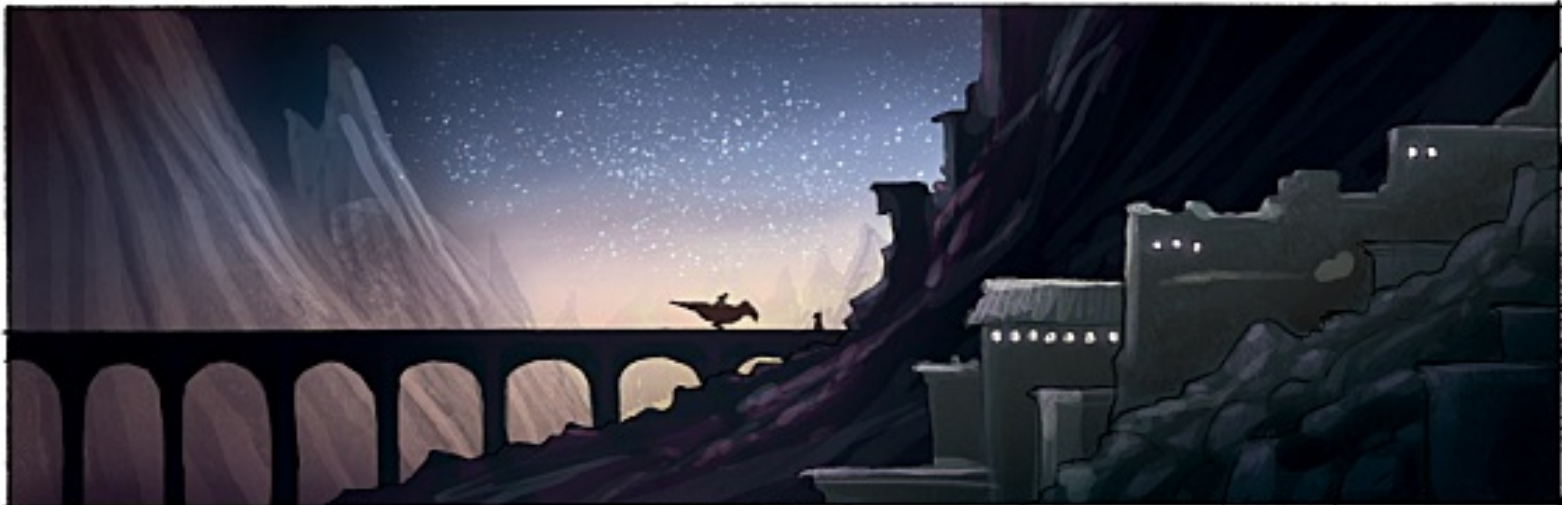


I'M WARNING
YOU, TRELLIS.

CRUNCH!










YOU HAVE BEEN
INFORMED OF YOUR
TARGETS?

YES.

A YOUNG
FEMALE STONE-
KEEPER AND HER
COMPANIONS.



THERE IS
ONE MORE...




PRINCE
TRELLIS?



DESPITE FAIR
WARNING, HE HAS
CHOSEN TO BETRAY
ME AGAIN.

TREASON IS
PUNISHABLE
BY DEATH.



YOU ASK
ME TO KILL
YOUR SON?















YOU HAVE TO
REMEMBER WE'RE
ON AN ALIEN
PLANET.

THERE ARE
ALL SORTS OF
STRANGE AND
DANGEROUS THINGS
AROUND US.

YEAH,
ISN'T IT
GREAT?




WE NEED TO
START HEADING
BACK.

LEON WANTS
TO BE ON THE
ROAD BEFORE
MIDDAY.



WHY ARE
WE LEAVING
THE HOUSE
BEHIND?

LEON SAYS
IT MAKES US
TOO EASY
TO TRACK.



WHY ARE WE
ALWAYS DOING
WHAT LEON
SAYS?



YOU KNOW
WHAT THEY SAY
ABOUT FOXES BEING
TRICKSTERS.

HE MIGHT
BE TROUBLE.

I TRUST
HIM, MOM.











THE LEADERS OF THIS CITY CAME TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUARDIAN COUNCIL.

THE FIVE GREAT STONEKEEPERS WHO COMPRISED THE GUARDIAN COUNCIL WERE CHOSEN TO GOVERN ALLEDIA. FOR MANY YEARS, THINGS WENT ACCORDING TO THEIR PLANS AND ALLEDIA BENEFITED FROM A CENTURY OF PEACE.

SO IT CAME AS A SURPRISE WHEN GULFEN, THE NATION OF ELVES, ROSE UP AND BEGAN INVADING ITS NEIGHBORS WITHOUT WARNING. WHAT WAS ONCE A PEACEFUL NATION HAD BECOME A RUTHLESS AGGRESSOR.

THE GUARDIAN COUNCIL RETALIATED, BUT THEY SEVERELY UNDERESTIMATED THE ELF KING'S POWER.

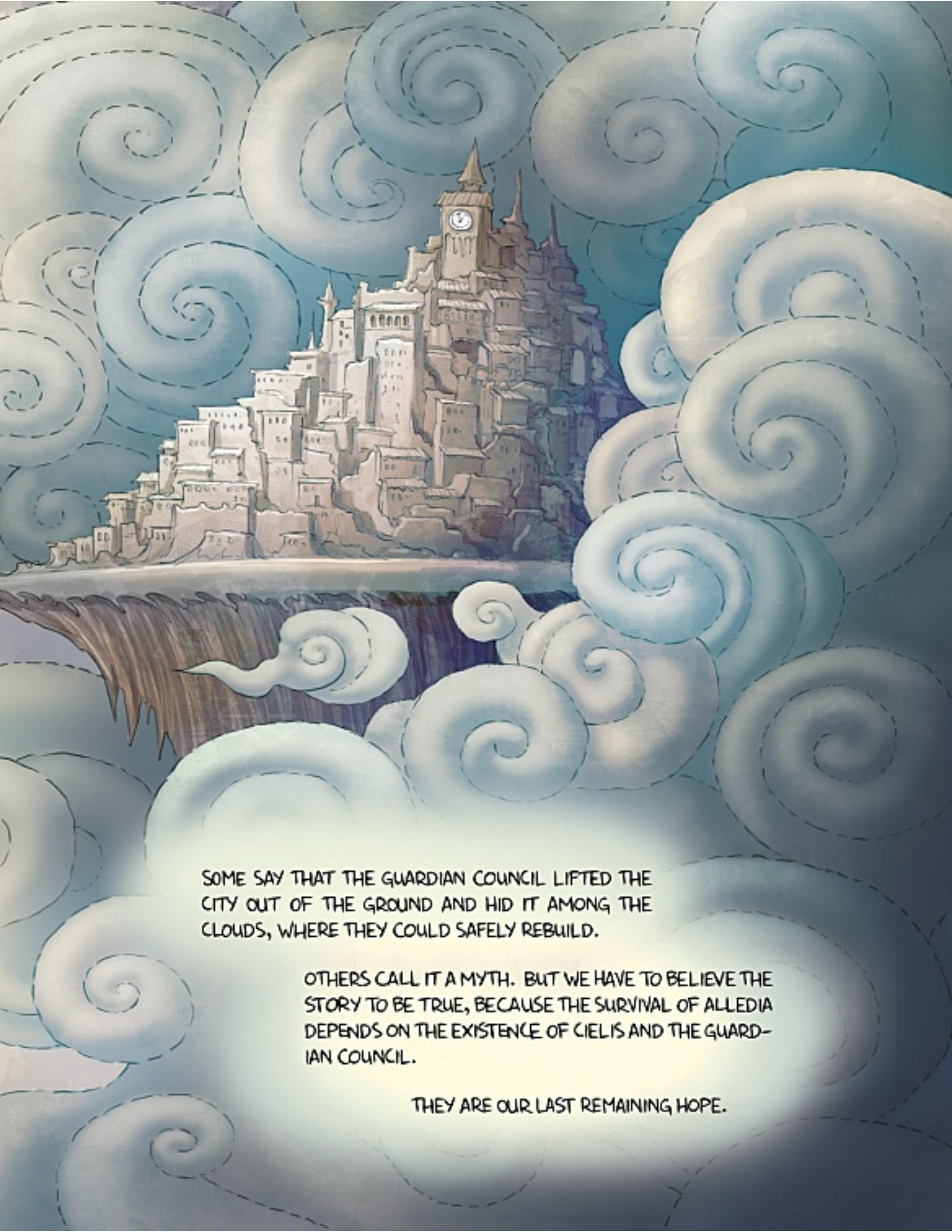


THE GREAT CITY OF CIELIS SUFFERED THE FIERCEST ATTACK DURING THE WAR. IN A BATTLE FOR THE THRONE OF ALLEDIA, THE ELVES BURNED MOST OF IT TO THE GROUND.

WHEN THE DUST CLEARED, ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF CIELIS WAS A GIANT CRATER.

MOST BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE OF CIELIS PERISHED IN THE FLAMES. BUT THERE ARE A FEW, LIKE THE RESISTANCE, WHO BELIEVE THE CITY STILL EXISTS INTACT.





SOME SAY THAT THE GUARDIAN COUNCIL LIFTED THE CITY OUT OF THE GROUND AND HID IT AMONG THE CLOUDS, WHERE THEY COULD SAFELY REBUILD.

OTHERS CALL IT A MYTH. BUT WE HAVE TO BELIEVE THE STORY TO BE TRUE, BECAUSE THE SURVIVAL OF ALLEDIA DEPENDS ON THE EXISTENCE OF CIELIS AND THE GUARDIAN COUNCIL.

THEY ARE OUR LAST REMAINING HOPE.

A young woman with red hair and a yellow hooded cloak (Emily) looks concerned. Next to her is an orange fox-like creature with glasses and a pink scarf (Redbeard). They are in a library with bookshelves in the background.


EMILY,
DON'T LISTEN
TO HIM.

A pink rabbit-like character with a yellow scarf and a backpack looks surprised.

CIELIS IS
DEAD.

SILAS SAID HE
SAW THE RUINS
WITH HIS OWN EYES
AND NOBODY WAS
SPARED.

YOU'RE
WASTING
YOUR TIME,
REDBEARD.

Redbeard is looking through a stack of books with a determined expression.

IF THAT'S TRUE,
THEN EXPLAIN
THIS.

A red book with a silver cross emblem on its cover lies on a wooden floor. Small clouds of dust or smoke are around it.

POOMF!

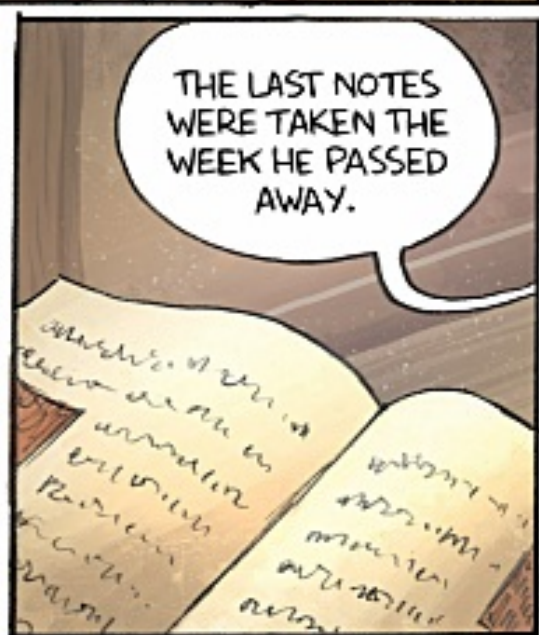
THESE ARE
SILAS'S NOTES.

The pink rabbit character is holding the red book with the cross emblem.


IF SILAS
BELIEVED
CIELIS WAS
GONE --

Redbeard has a thoughtful or questioning expression on his face.


-- WHY DID HE
SPEND SO MUCH
TIME LOOKING
FOR IT?

An open book shows handwritten notes in a cursive script.

THE LAST NOTES
WERE TAKEN THE
WEEK HE PASSED
AWAY.




UNFORTUNATELY,
HE WAS UNABLE TO
COMPLETE HIS
SEARCH.




IF CIELIS IS
STILL AROUND, THEN
WHY HASN'T THE
GUARDIAN COUNCIL
CONTACTED ANY
OF US?

WHY HAVEN'T
THEY HELPED?




THAT I DON'T
KNOW.




SO IF THEY
WON'T COME OUT
OF HIDING TO HELP
US NOW,

HOW CAN WE
EXPECT THEM TO
HELP US WHEN
WE FIND THEM?



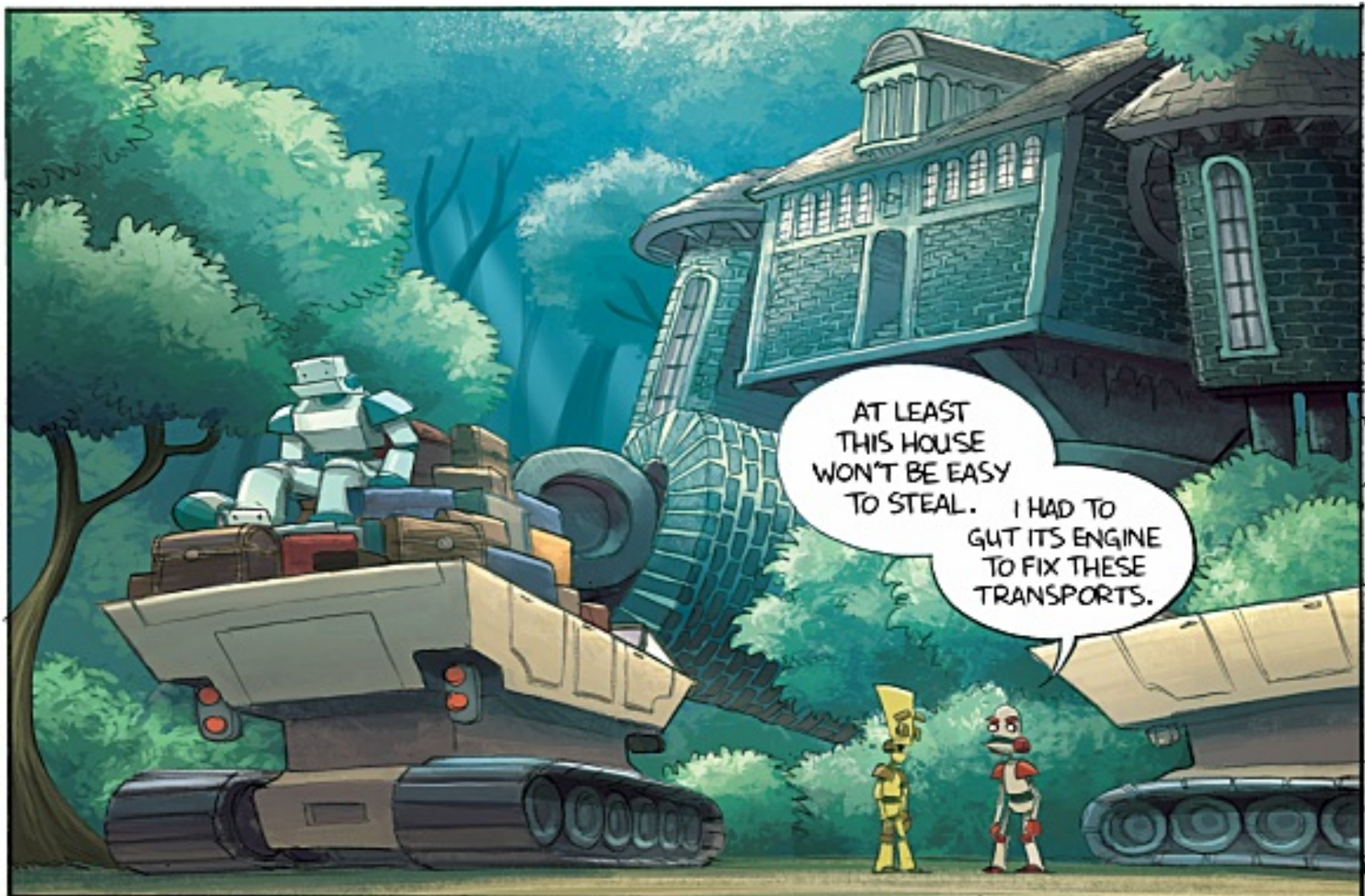
BECAUSE
THEY WILL
NEED US.

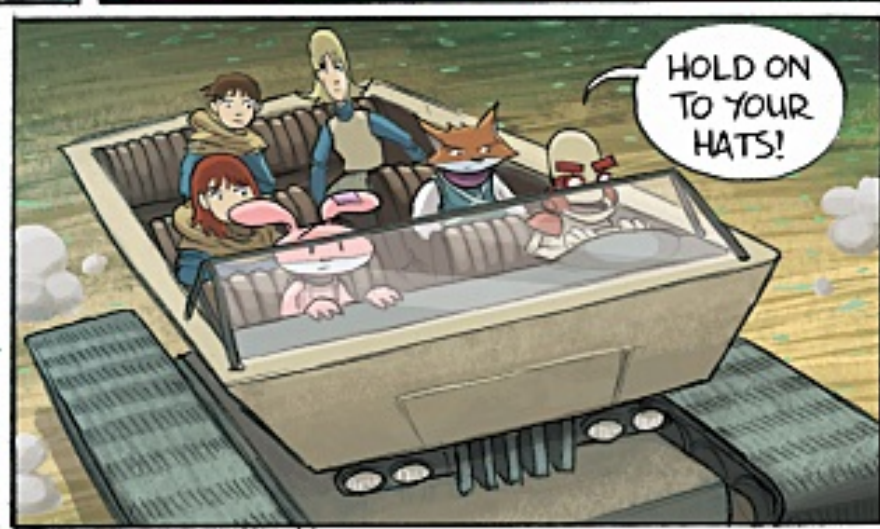


SIR --



THE TRANSPORTS
ARE READY.











NAUTILUS IS THE
SHIPPING CAPITAL
OF ALLEDIA.

MOST AIRSHIPS
DOCK HERE AT LEAST
ONCE A YEAR.



SINCE GAINING
POWER, THE ELVES
HAVE FORCED PILOTS
TO FLY FOR MUCH
LOWER WAGES
THAN THEY'RE
ACCUSTOMED TO.



IT'S AN
UNFORTUNATE
SITUATION, BUT ONE
THAT WORKS TO OUR
ADVANTAGE.















WHAT ABOUT YOU?
DO YOU BELIEVE IT EXISTS?



WHAT I CHOOSE TO BELIEVE IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.



ENZO HAS SEEN THE FLYING CITY.

RICO!!



CAN YOU NOT SHUT UP?!

BUT IT'S TRUE!



HE TALKS ABOUT IT ALL THE TIME.



CRAZY OLD ENZO!
SEEING GHOSTS, TOO, I RECKON!

SHUT UP, FRANCIE!
OR I'LL BUST YOUR LIP!



JOIN US AND
WE CAN FIND
CIELIS TOGETHER.



I HAVEN'T BEEN
ABLE TO FIND THE
FLYING CITY IN
TEN YEARS OF
SEARCHING!

WHAT MAKES
YOU THINK
YOU'LL FARE
ANY BETTER?



BECAUSE WE
HAVE A MAP.

IT'S INCOMPLETE
BUT I THINK IT CAN
LEAD US TO THE CITY'S
LOCATION.



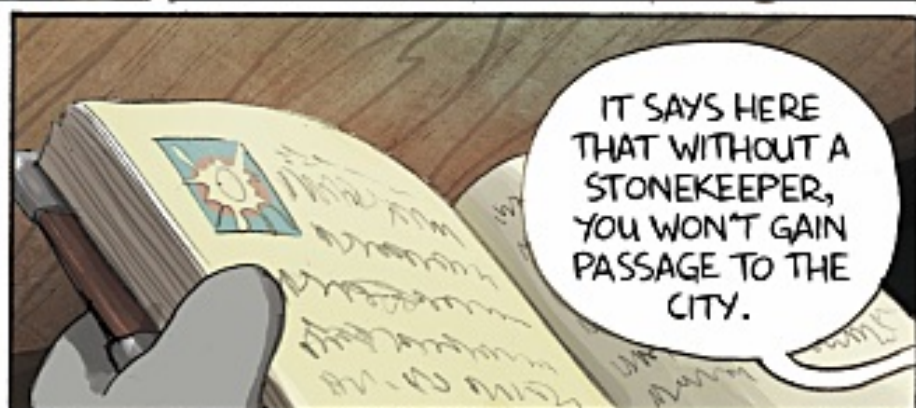
THESE ARE
THE NOTES OF
SILAS CHARNON.

HE WAS A
STONEKEEPER
AND FORMER
MEMBER OF THE
GUARDIAN COUNCIL.

HE DIED
BEFORE
COMPLETING
HIS GUIDE.



HMM.



IT SAYS HERE
THAT WITHOUT A
STONEKEEPER,
YOU WON'T GAIN
PASSAGE TO THE
CITY.



SEEING AS YOUR
FRIEND IS DEAD,
THIS BOOK IS NOW
USELESS.





NOBODY
MOVE!

WE ARE HERE
TO SEARCH THE
PREMISES ON
ORDERS FROM
THE ELF KING!



WE ARE
LOOKING FOR
THESE TWO
FUGITIVES.

DO NOT
SHOW YOUR
FACE.



HARBOR THEM
AND YOU WILL
BE EXECUTED.

REWARD
WANTED



SOME OF US
MIGHT LOOK LIKE
RATS, BUT WE
AIN'T SNITCHES!

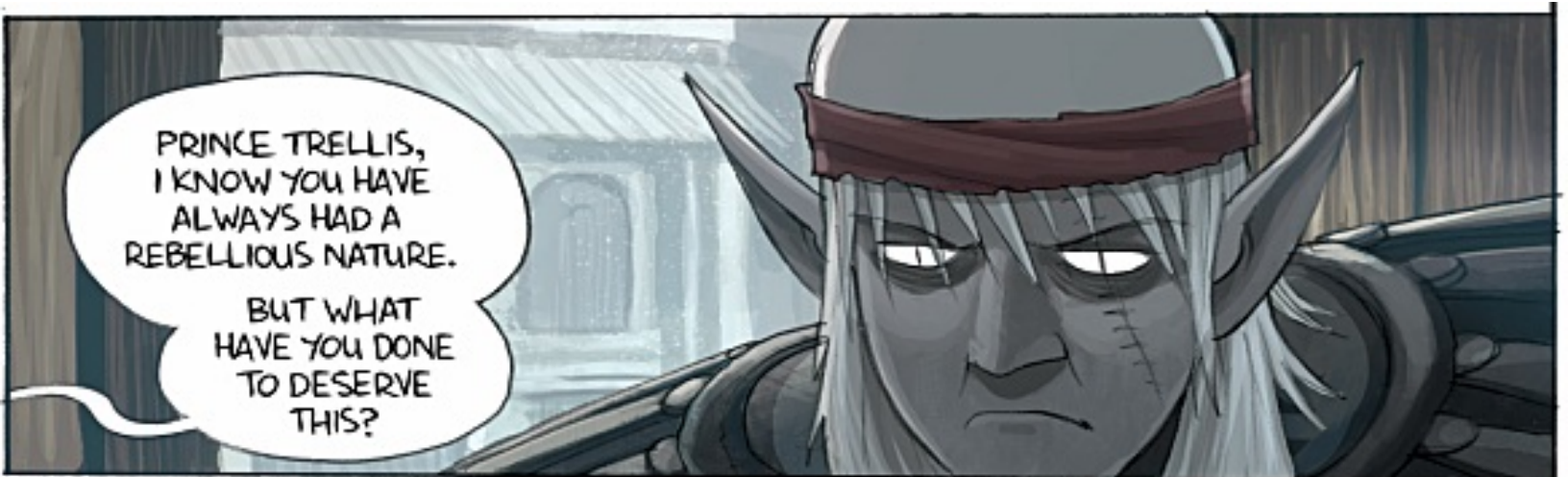


URK!

GET YOUR
PAWS OFF ME,
YOU OGRE!


SAY ANOTHER
WORD AND I
WILL SLICE YOUR
TAIL OFF!






PRINCE TRELIS,
I KNOW YOU HAVE
ALWAYS HAD A
REBELLIOUS NATURE.

BUT WHAT
HAVE YOU DONE
TO DESERVE
THIS?




WHAT ACT OF
TREASON COMPELS
YOUR FATHER TO
HAVE US KILL
YOU?

WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE?



IT'S SIMPLE.

HE'S NOT
MY FATHER.

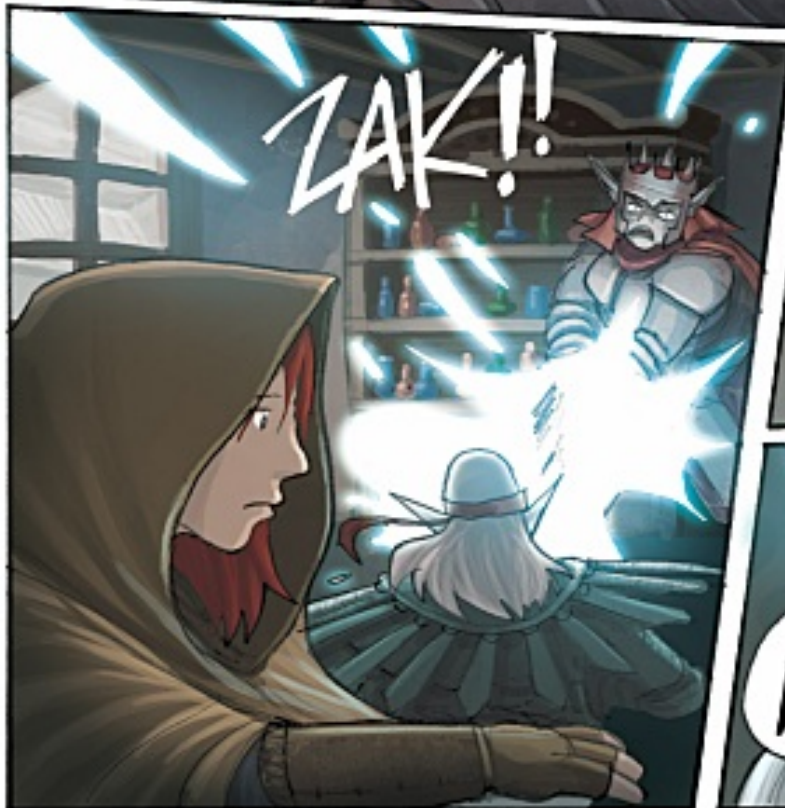


YOUR KING
IS DEAD!



SZRAK!!

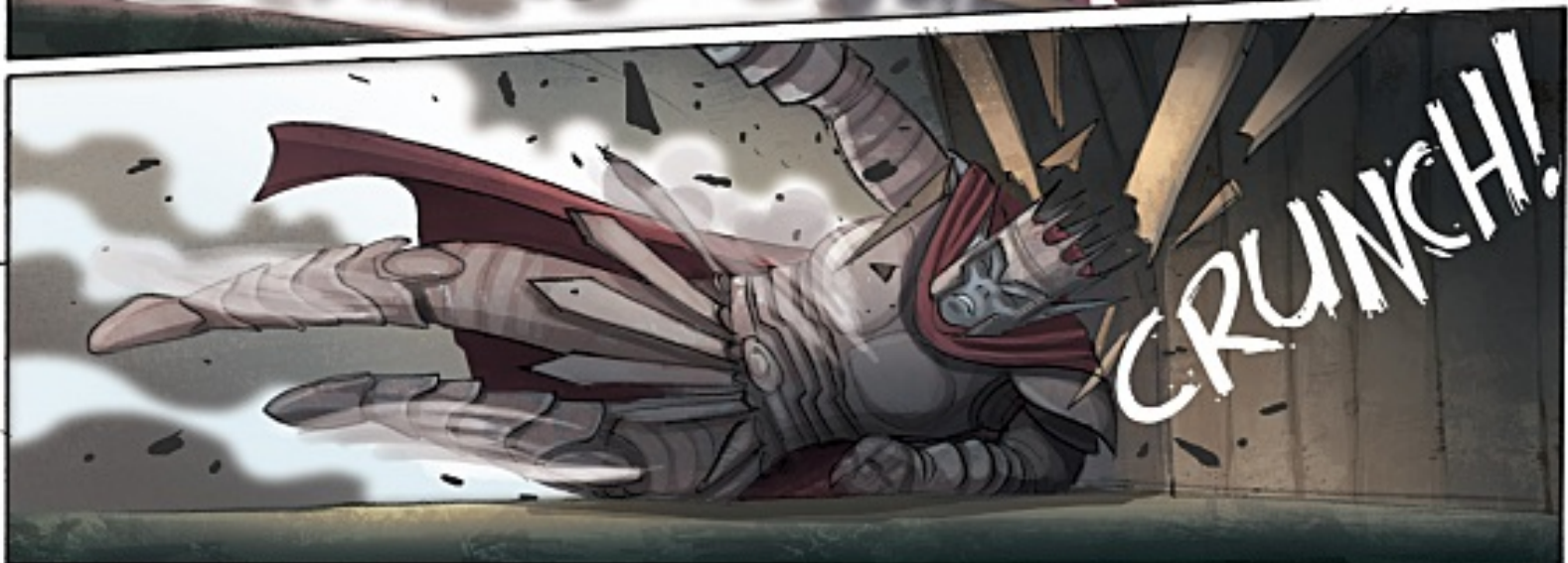
AGH!!



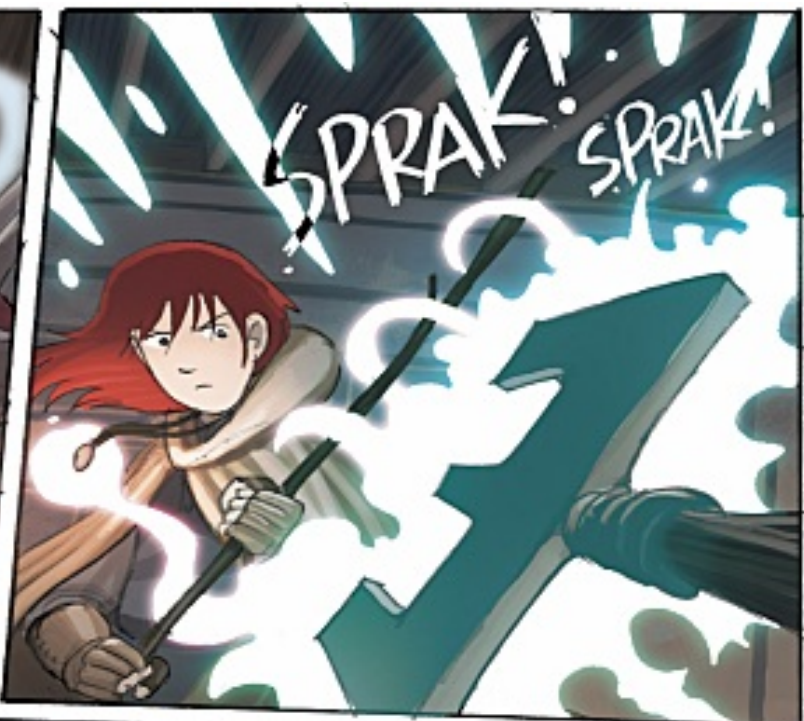








SHE'S A
STONEKEEPER!
WALRIG,
STUN HER!





No!!!

KBOOM

EMILY!




WELCOME
BACK, YOUNG
MASTER.

I WAS BEGINNING
TO THINK YOU WERE
GOING TO IGNORE
ME FOR GOOD.



CAPTAIN,
WE'RE GOING
TO NEED YOUR
HELP.

AND WE
DON'T HAVE
MUCH TIME.



YES, OF
COURSE.

OUR SHIP
IS AT THE
DOCK.




MISKIT, GET
EVERYONE INTO
THE TRANSPORT.



EVERYONE?
WHAT ABOUT
THEM?



YES.
BRING
THEM, TOO.



NOW HURRY
AND GET EVERY-
ONE OUTSIDE!



WHAT
HAPPENED
IN THERE?

HEY, MISKIT,
WHERE'S
EM?



IF YOU ARE
REFERRING TO
THE GIRL,
SHE'S DOING
FINE!

HEY, GUYS,
WE'VE GOT
TROUBLE.



WHAT
IS THAT
THING?

THOOM! THOOM!
THOOM!

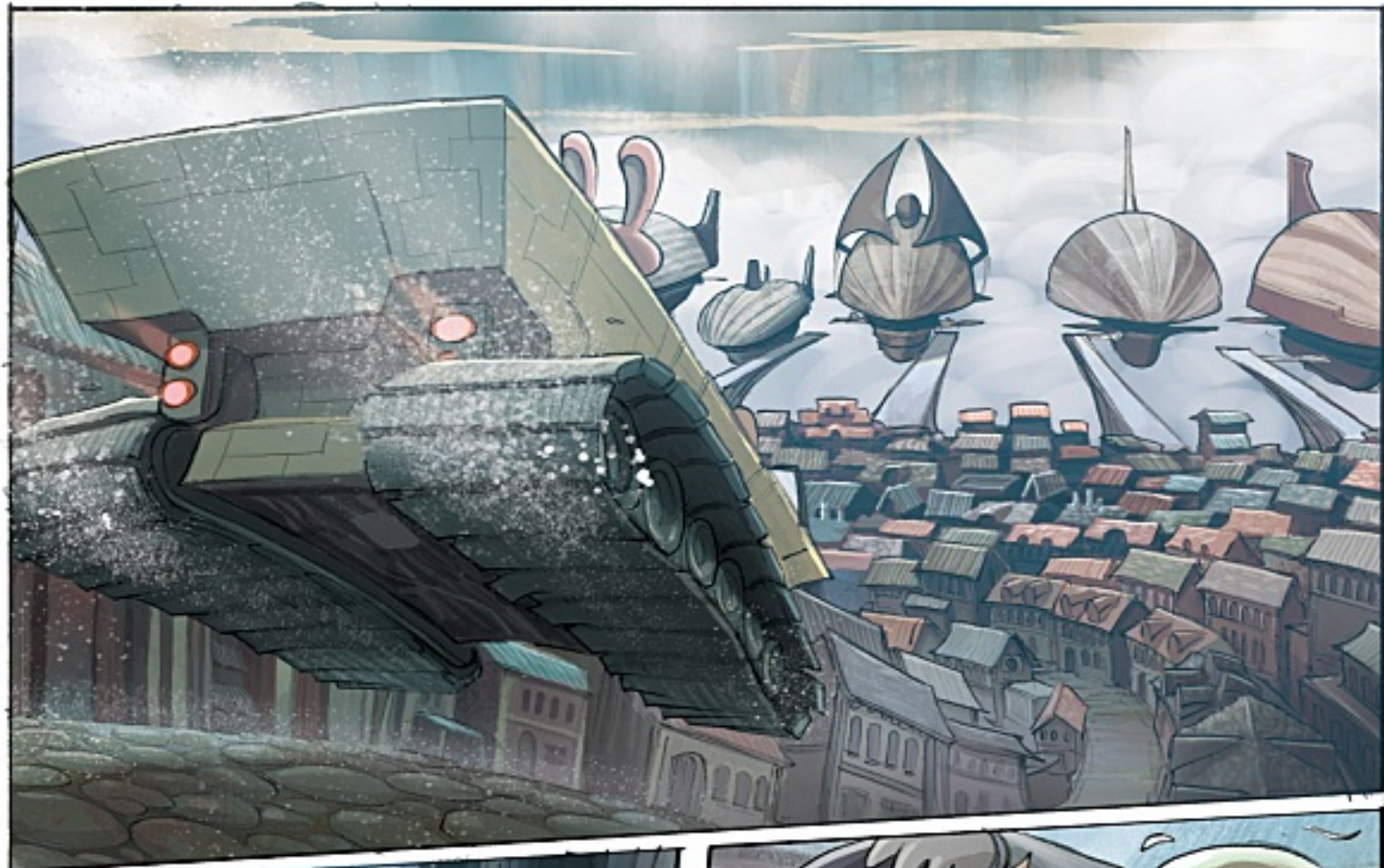
IT'S A
MECHANIZED
ARMOR SUIT.

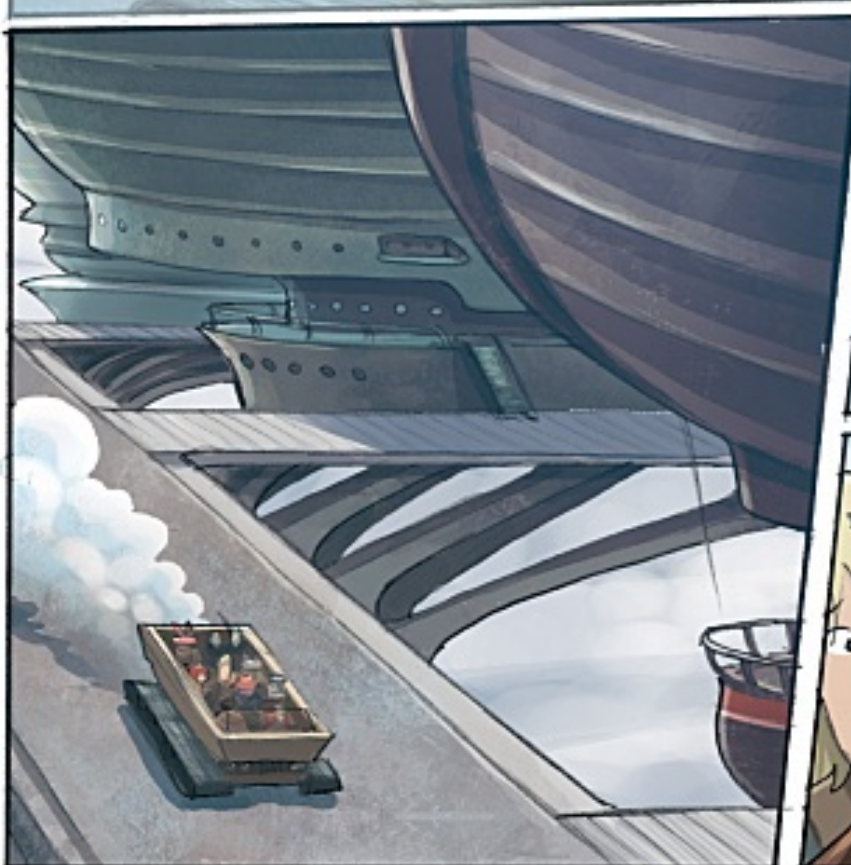
LOOKS LIKE THE
ELVES BROUGHT
THEIR HEAVY
ARTILLERY.

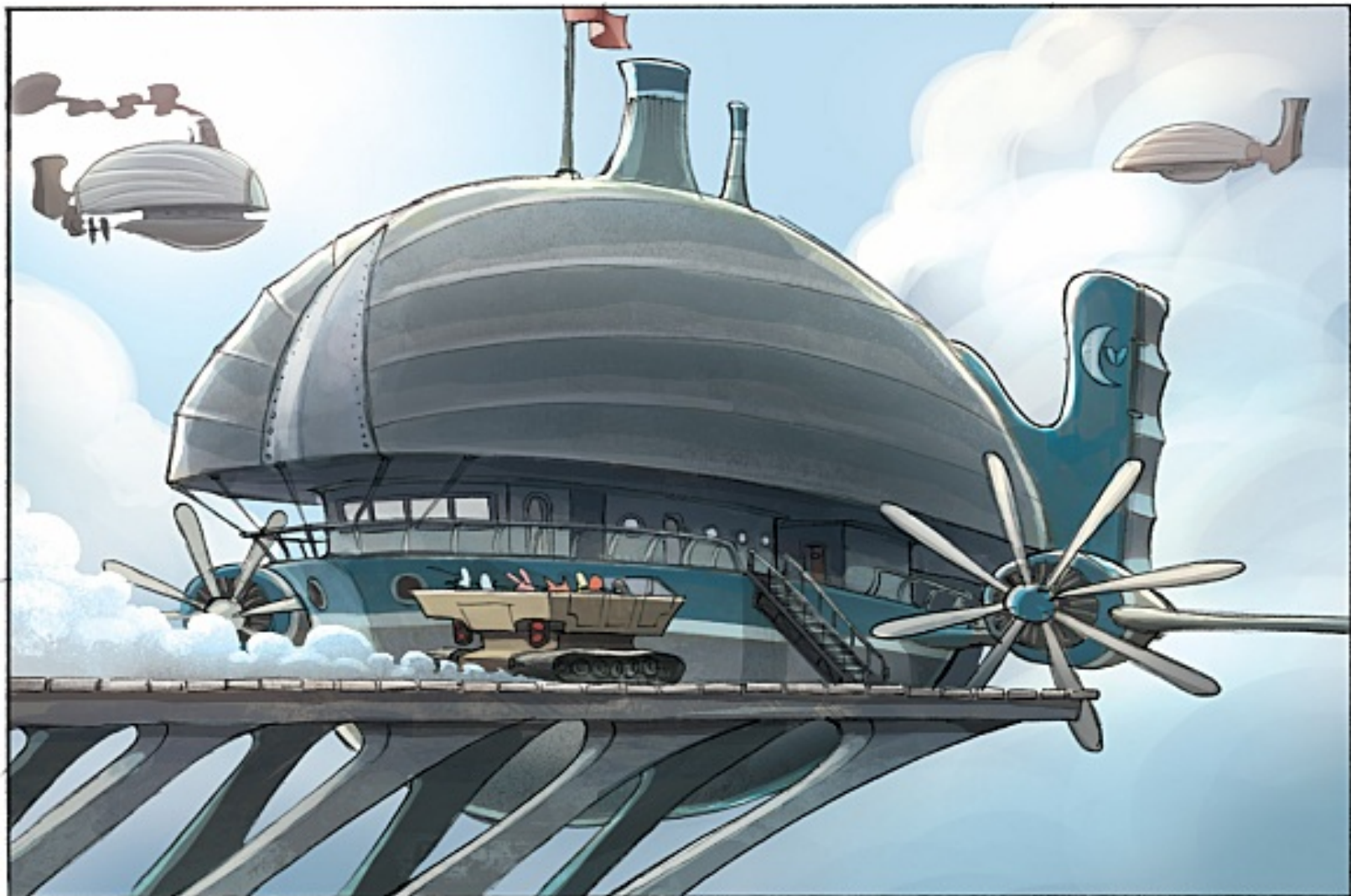
ESSHT!
CLANK!

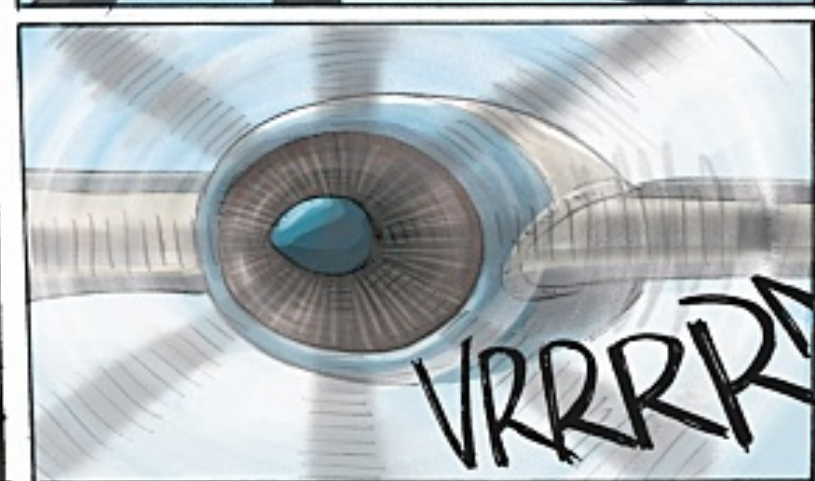
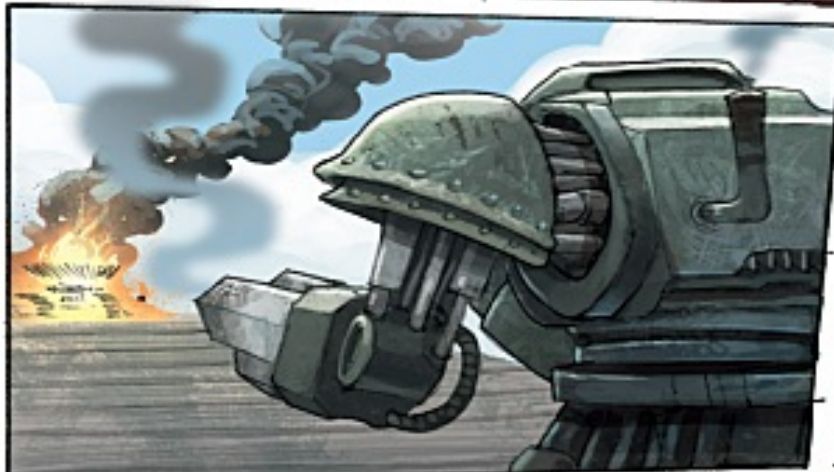
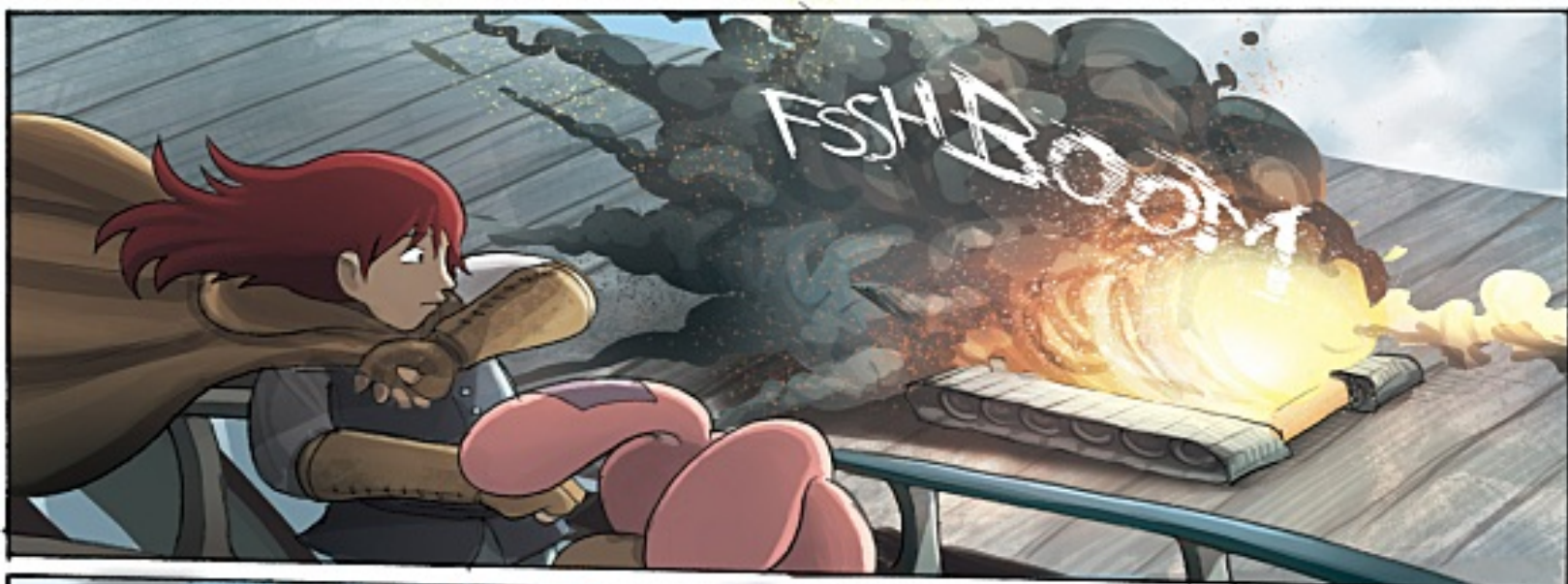



























WE HAVE TO
FIND A WAY
HOME!


IF WE STAY
HERE, WE'RE
GOING TO GET
SERIOUSLY
HURT.

OR
WORSE.



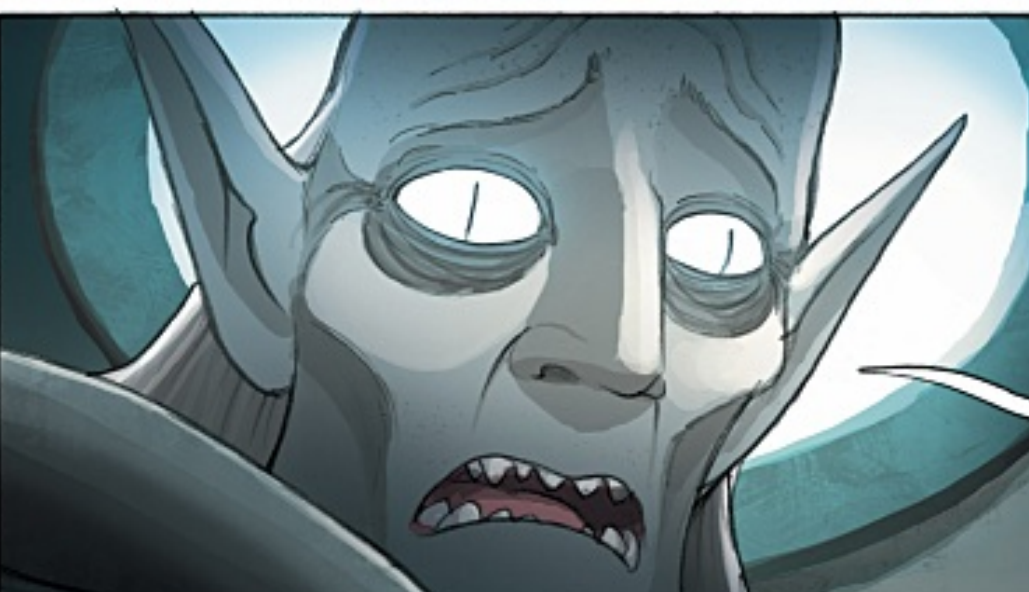
I TOLD YOU,
MOM.

IF YOU GO
HOME, I CAN'T
COME WITH YOU.



BUT WHY
NOT?!

WHAT'S
HOLDING YOU
BACK?



IT IS THE
CURSE OF THE
STONEKEEPER.

THE STONE WILL
NOT LET YOU LEAVE
NOW, WILL IT?



NO.
IT
WON'T.



A CURSE?

THAT'S
ENOUGH,
LUGER.













NOT A GOOD DEAL FOR US.

YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN HERE, BUDDY.



MMF!







MOST PEOPLE
BELIEVE IT IS
LONG GONE,
BUT SOME, LIKE
ENZO, BELIEVE IT
IS HIDDEN IN THE
CLOUDS.



CELIS WAS
THE CITY OF
STONEKEEPERS,
RIGHT?

YES,
SIR.



SO THE
FUGITIVE SCUM
MUST BE AFTER
REINFORCEMENTS.

VERY
INTERESTING.



FOR YOUR
TROUBLES.

THANK
YOU, SIR.

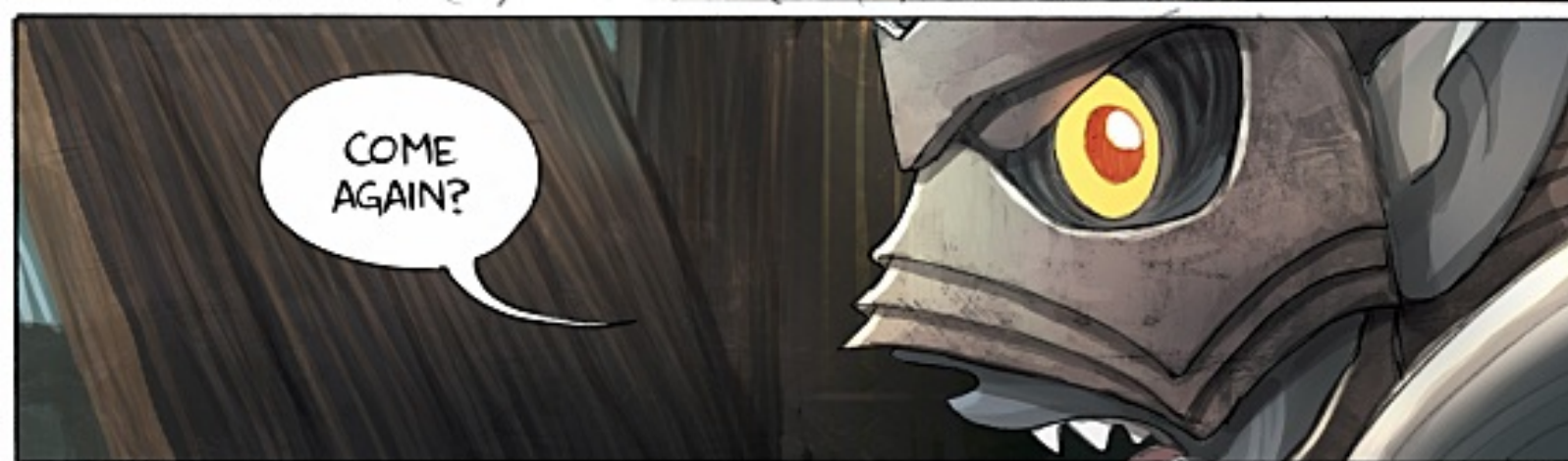
FLING!




WHOSE SIDE
ARE YOU ON,
GABILAN?



COME
AGAIN?






YOU ARE AN
ELF, ARE YOU
NOT?

THEN WHY
DO YOU DO
SUCH THINGS
TO YOUR OWN
KIND?

MY
KIND?

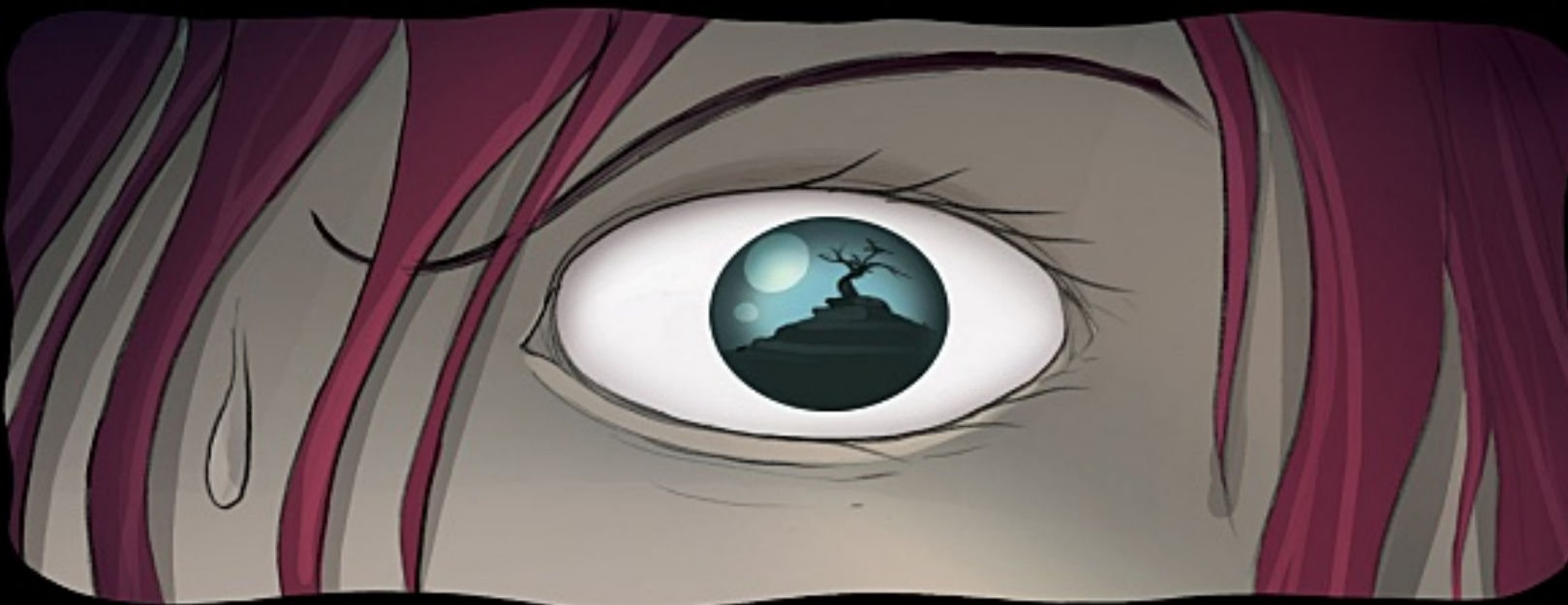


I'M THE
ONLY ONE
OF MY KIND
THERE IS.




GOOD LUCK
WITH THE
KING.










WHO ARE
YOU?



YOU KNOW
WHO I AM.



WHERE
ARE WE?



THIS IS OUR
MEETING
PLACE.

NOT HERE.
I DON'T WANT
TO MEET HERE.



WHY
NOT?

THAT
TREE.
IT BRINGS
PAINFUL
MEMORIES.

OF
COURSE.



YOU CAN
MAKE IT
GO AWAY.




YOU HAVE
AS MUCH
CONTROL
AS I DO.

AHH,
HOW
PLEASANT.



WHAT DO
YOU WANT
FROM ME?





LET ME
SHOW YOU.

THIS
WAY.

WHERE ARE
WE GOING?

TO SEE
THE FUTURE
IN THE EYES OF
THE ELF KING.


TO SEE
WHAT MAY
BECOME.

THIS ISN'T
ALLEDIA.

NO.


IT IS YOUR
HOME WORLD,
EARTH.

YOU MUST KNOW
BY NOW THAT ALLEDIA
ISN'T THE ONLY WORLD
IN DANGER.




HE WANTS
YOU TO GO
HOME, EMILY.

PERHAPS
MORE THAN
YOU DO.




WHY?

BECAUSE
YOU CAN
HELP ME
STOP HIM.



THEN MAYBE
I SHOULD JUST GO.

THAT'S WHAT I
WANT, AS WELL.



IF THAT WERE
TRUE, THEN WHY
DID YOU LIE TO
THEM, EMILY?

YOU KNOW
THAT YOU CAN
COME AND GO
AS YOU PLEASE.



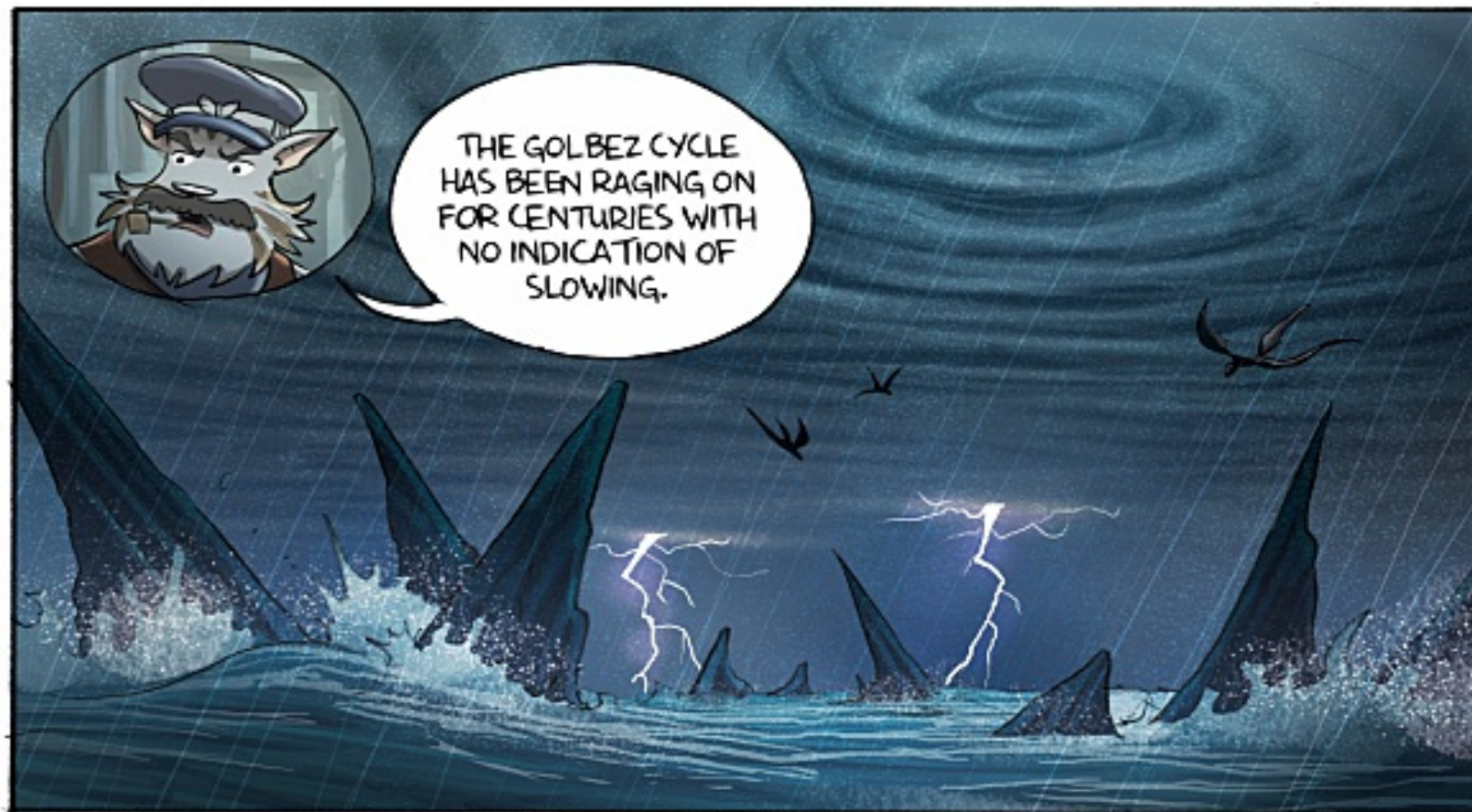
YOU TOLD
THEM I WAS
FORCING YOU
TO STAY.

BUT IT
WAS YOUR
CHOICE.









THE GOLBEZ CYCLE
HAS BEEN RAGING ON
FOR CENTURIES WITH
NO INDICATION OF
SLOWING.



THE STORM IS
MANAGEABLE ON
CERTAIN ROUTES,

BUT THE AREA IS
A KNOWN GRAVEYARD
FOR AIRSHIPS. MOST
CAPTAINS ARE ADVISED
TO STAY WELL CLEAR
OF THE TERRITORY.




I CAN FLY
US INTO THE
STORM,


BUT I NEED TO
KNOW FOR CERTAIN
THAT CIELIS WILL BE
THERE WAITING FOR
US. THE RISKS ARE
TOO HUGE.








YOU WILL WORK
TOGETHER LIKE ONE
BIG MACHINE.




THAT MEANS
WE ARE ONLY
AS STRONG AS
OUR WEAKEST
LINK.

GOT THAT,
SON?

YES,
SIR!



DO YOU KNOW
WHO YOU'RE
TALKING TO?



THIS YOUNG
MAN IS THE
COMMANDER OF
THE RESISTANCE!


IS THAT
SO?



WELL,

ON THIS
SHIP, YOU
WILL BE THE
COMMANDER OF
THIS BROOM.





IT IS LIKELY
THAT IT WILL NOT
BE YOUR ABILITY
TO ATTACK, BUT TO
DEFEND, THAT WILL
BE THE KEY TO
VICTORY.




DEFEND?



YOUR STONE MAGIC
IS AS VERSATILE AS
YOUR IMAGINATION.

IT CAN BECOME A
DEVASTATING WEAPON,
OR IT CAN BE A
HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
SHIELD.



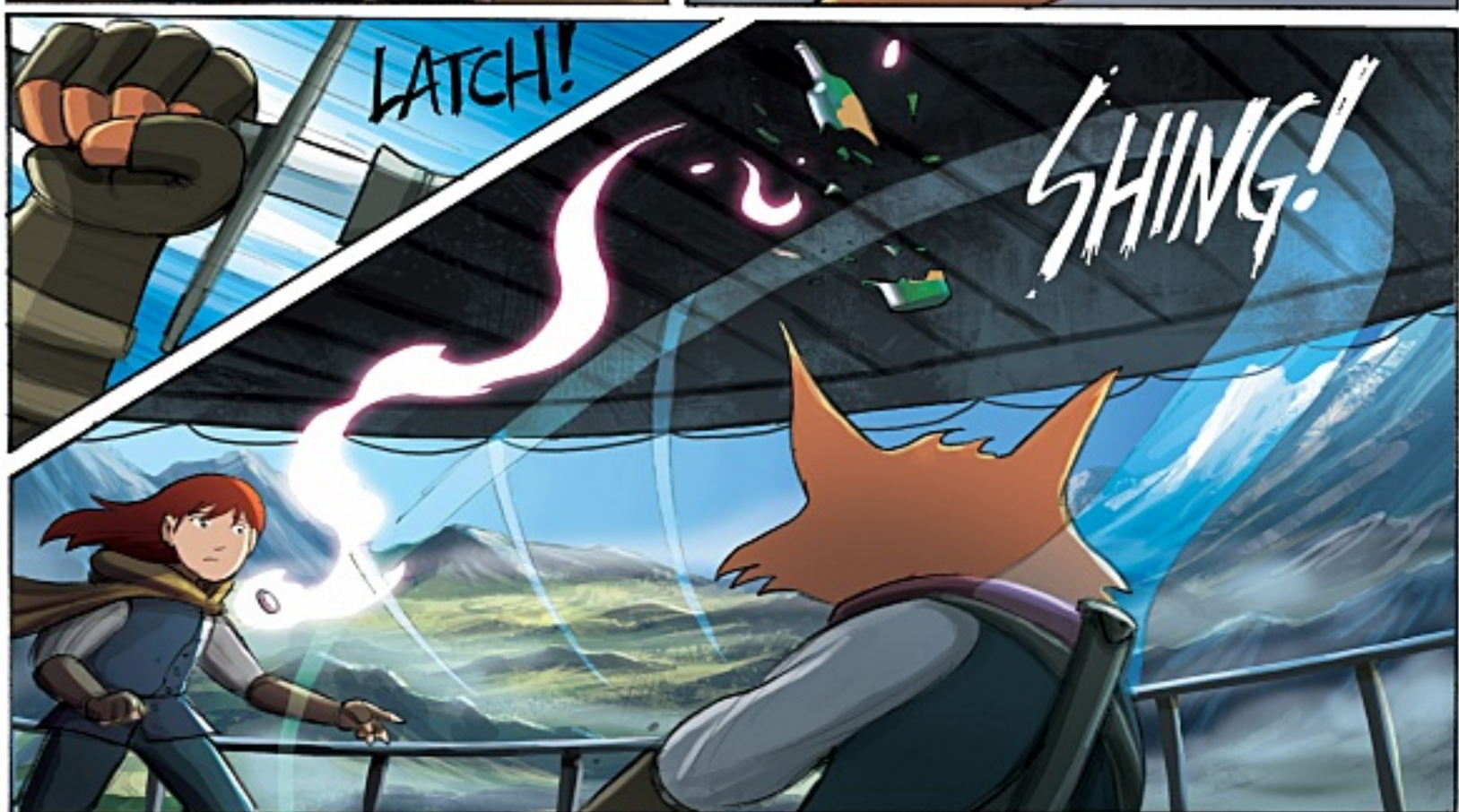
DO YOU REMEMBER
WHAT YOU LEARNED
AT DEMON'S HEAD?

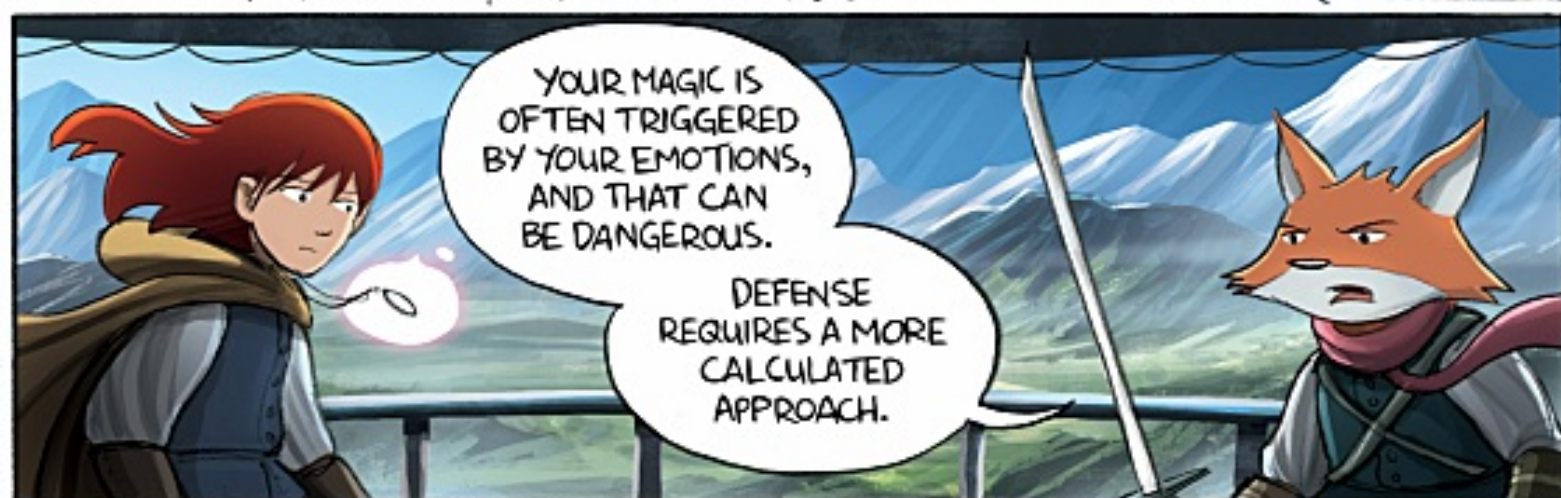
THE ABILITY TO HOLD
SOMETHING WITHOUT
DESTROYING IT.

NOW YOU WILL
NEED TO TAKE IT
A STEP FURTHER.



I WANT
YOU TO
LIFT THIS
BOTTLE.

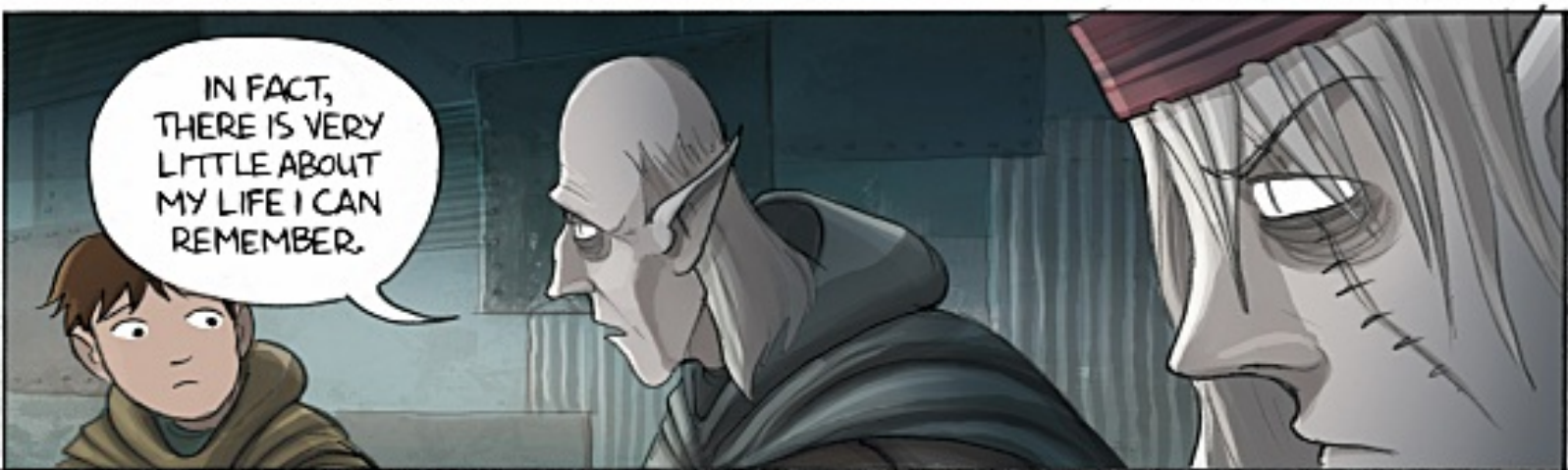


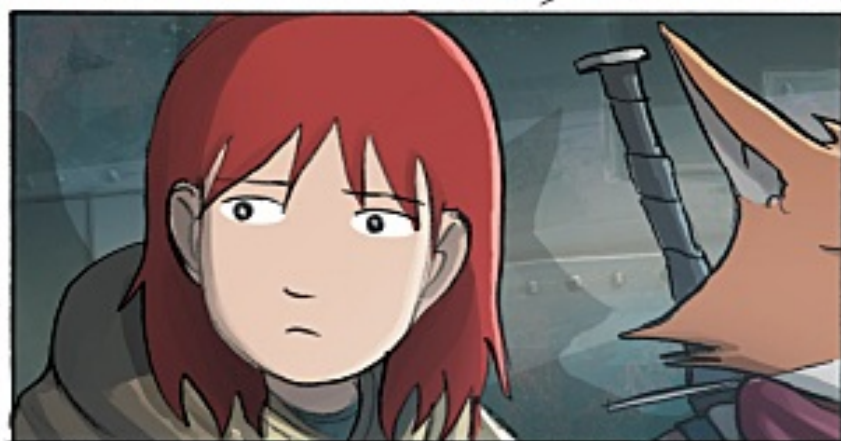




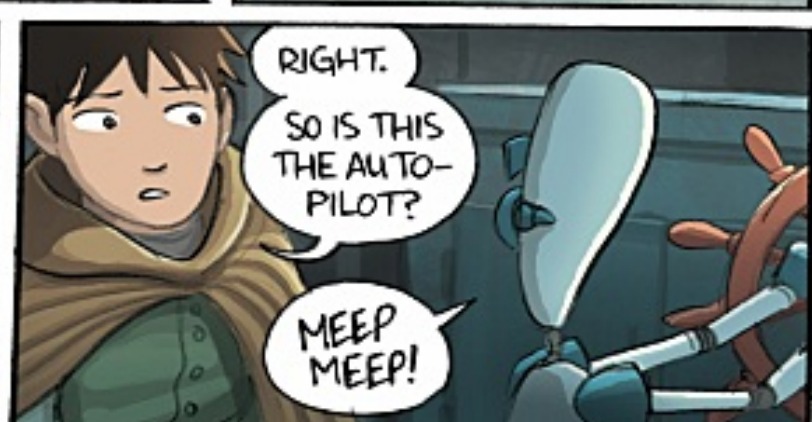
















I'VE FLOWN
A PLANE
BEFORE.




NO WAY,
KID.

THIS IS A
COMPLICATED
PIECE OF
EQUIPMENT.




SAMSON HERE
IS HIGHLY
TRAINED.




IT DOESN'T
LOOK VERY
DIFFICULT.



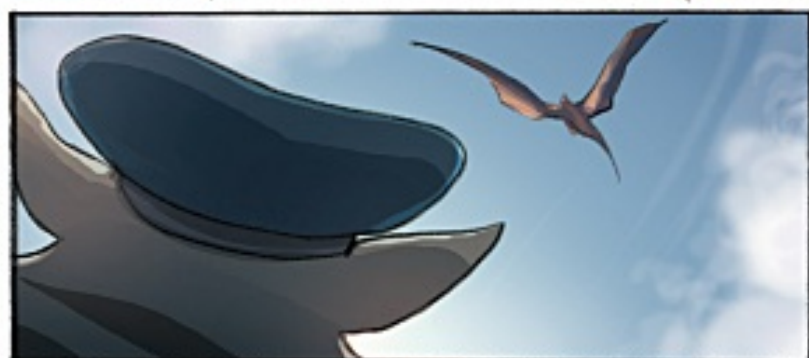
LOOK, KID,
YOU DON'T
BELONG UP
HERE.



BUT IF YOU
DO A GOOD JOB
CLEANING, I'LL
CONSIDER LETTING
YOU STEER FOR
A FEW MINUTES.



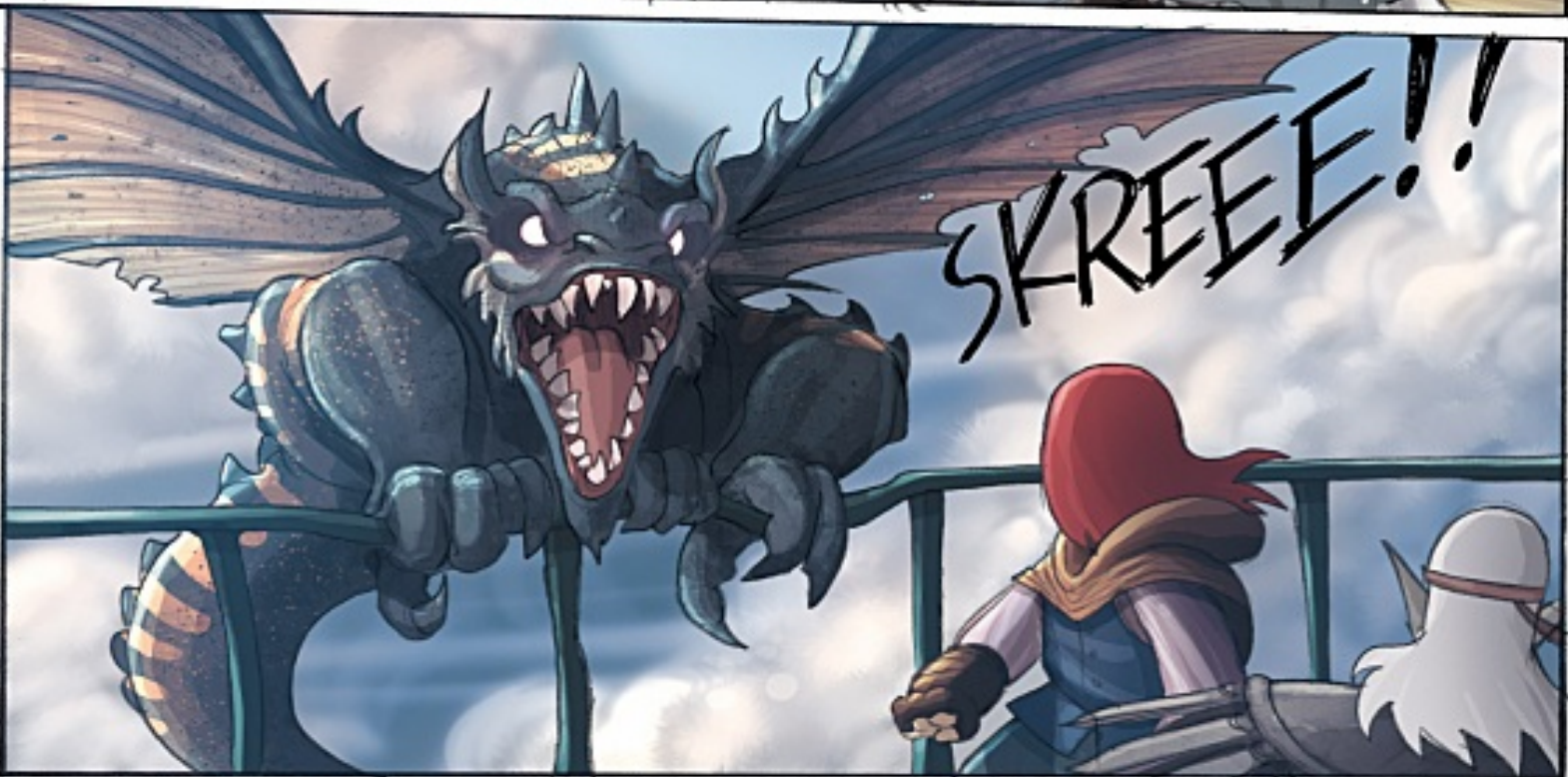
WHOOOSH!!!
NOW GET
BACK THERE
AND --











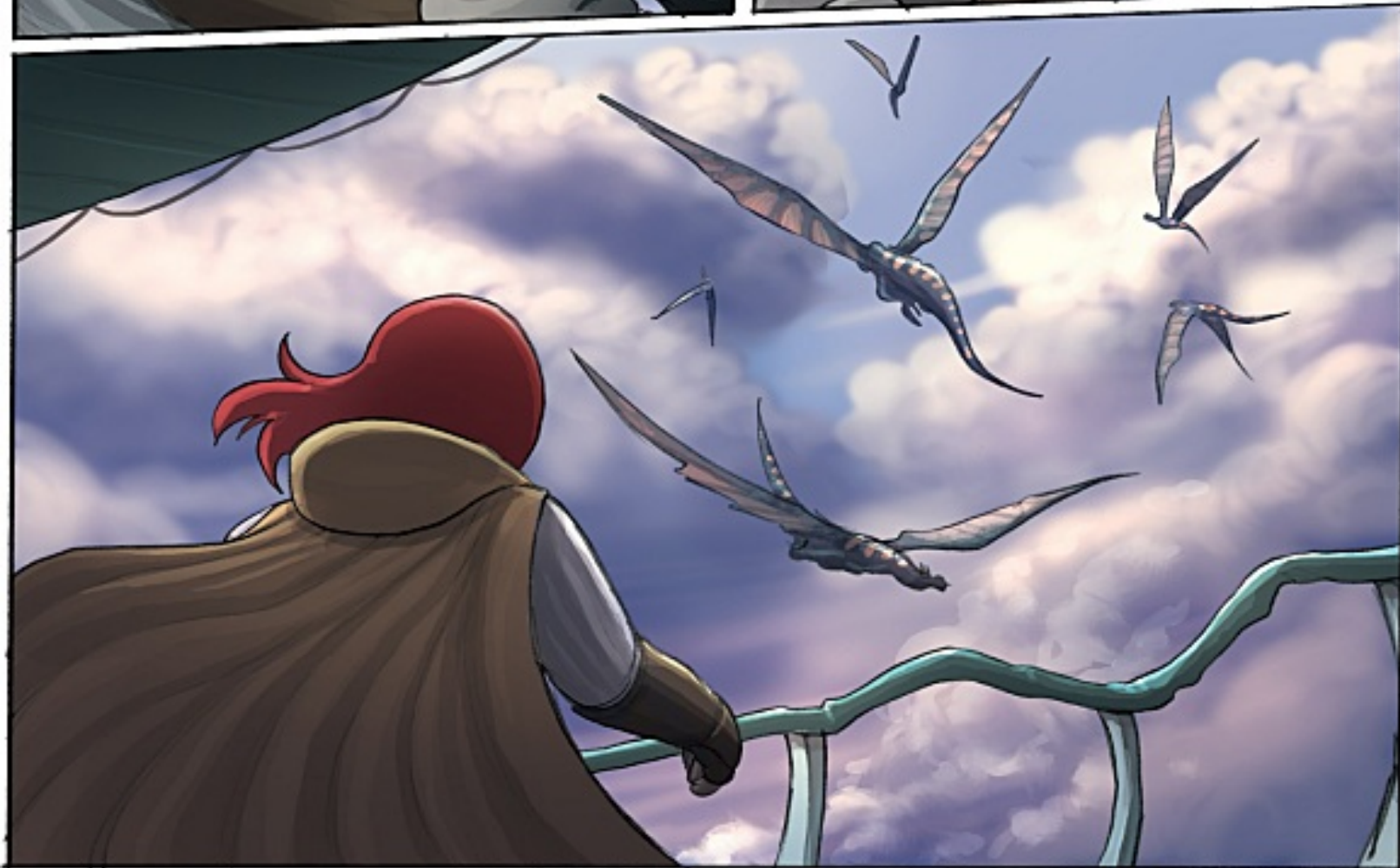



IT'S BEEN
A WHILE SINCE
THE LAST WYVERN
ATTACK, ENZO.

WHAT IF THE
STUNNER DOESN'T
WORK ANYMORE?

WHIRRRR KCHUNK!
CHUNK!

UNFORTUNATELY,
WE DON'T HAVE
OTHER OPTIONS,
RICO.






WHAT ARE
THEY AFTER?



THEY'RE ON
THE HUNT FOR
FOOD.

BUT THEY'RE
USUALLY NOT
SO AGGRESSIVE.



WHATEVER
IT IS THEY WANT,
WE BETTER LET
THEM KNOW TO
LOOK ELSE-
WHERE!

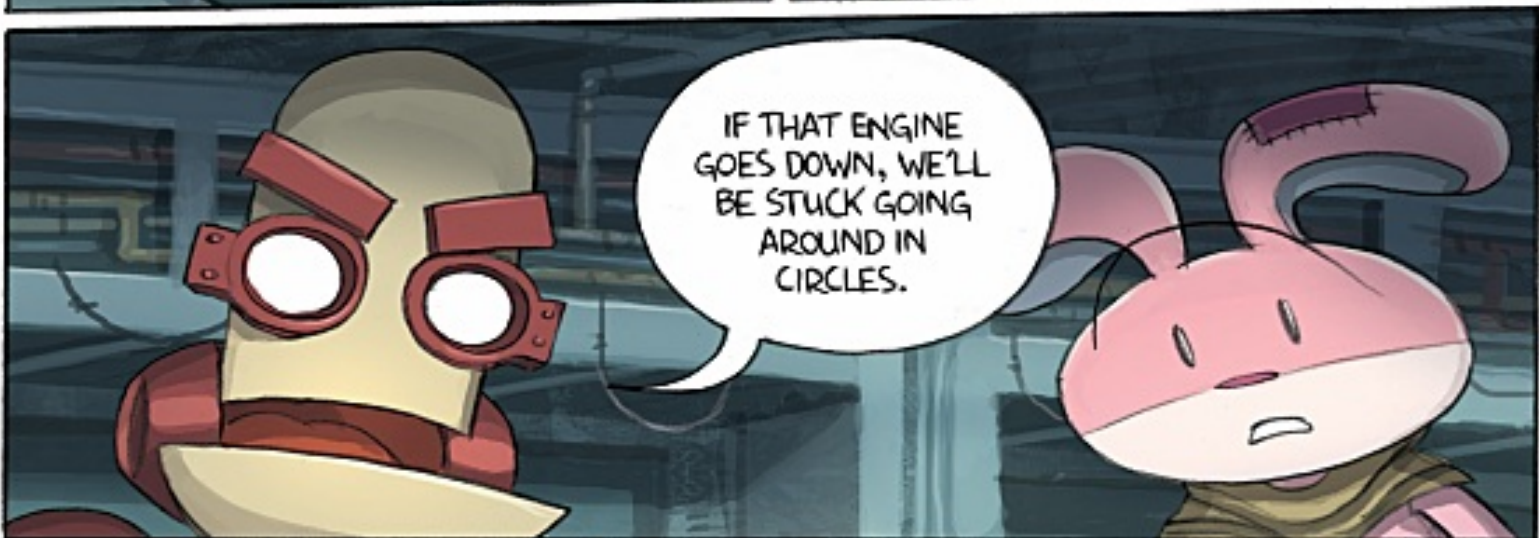


KPOOF!



I DON'T THINK
THOSE TOYS ARE
GOING TO DO IT,
CAPTAIN.





HERE,
TIE THIS
AROUND YOUR
WAIST.

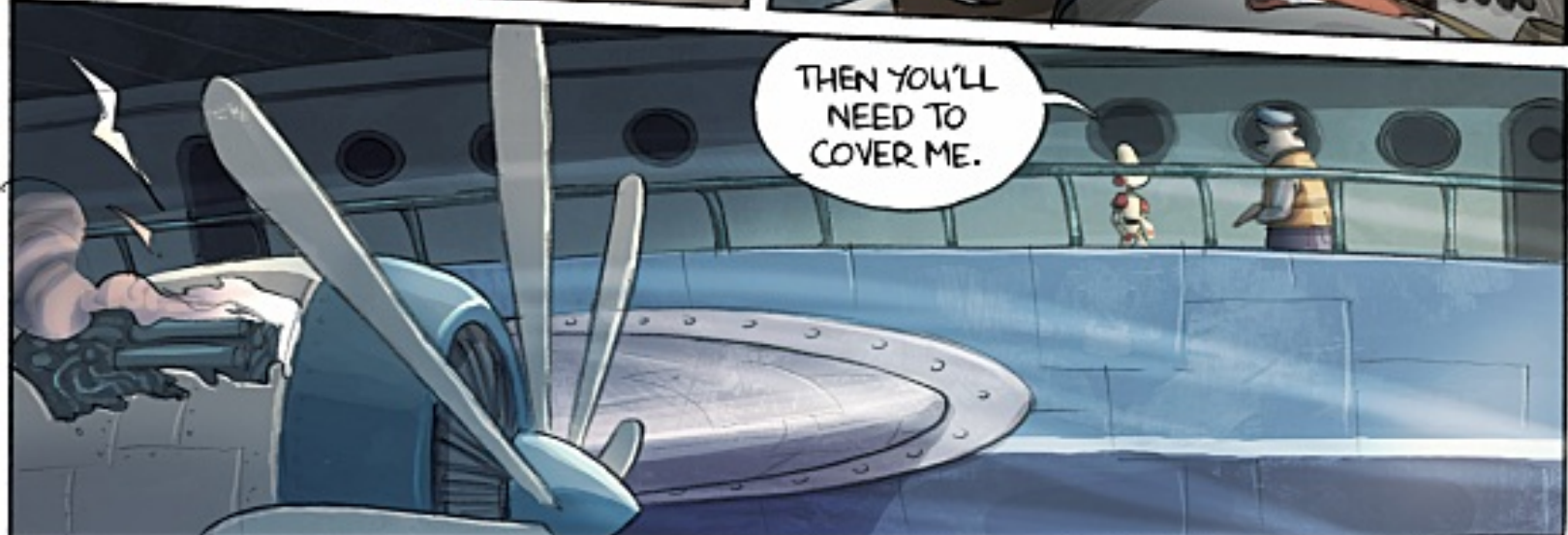
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?

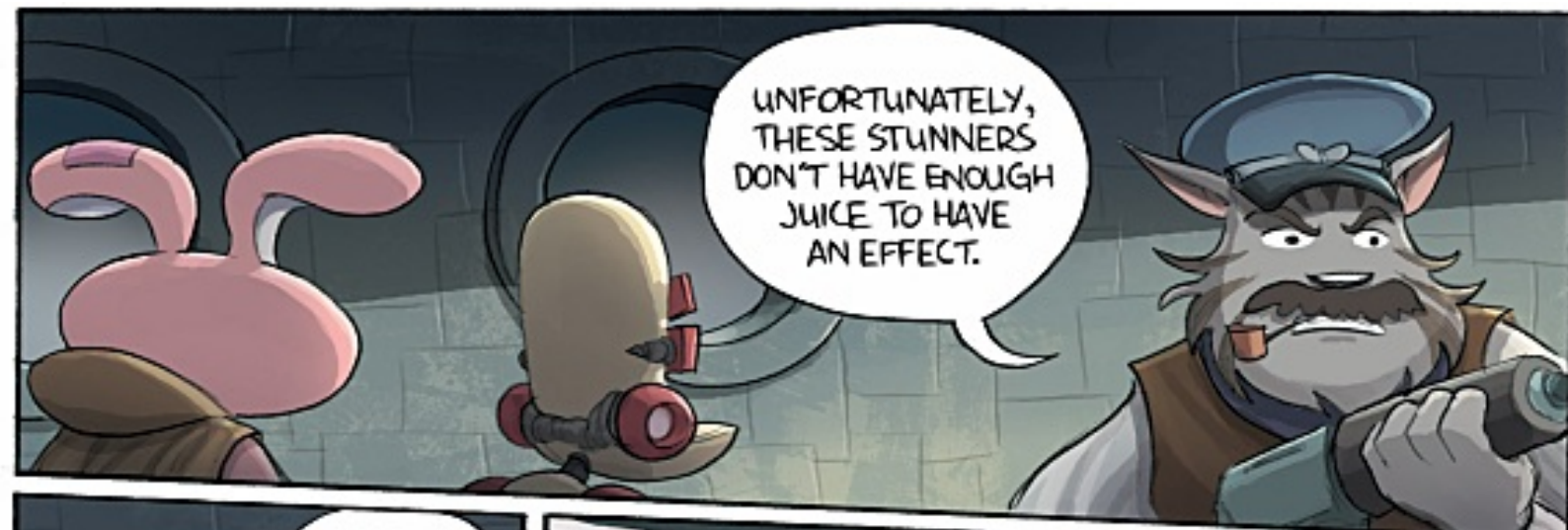
I'M GOING
TO GO OUT
THERE AND
FIX IT.

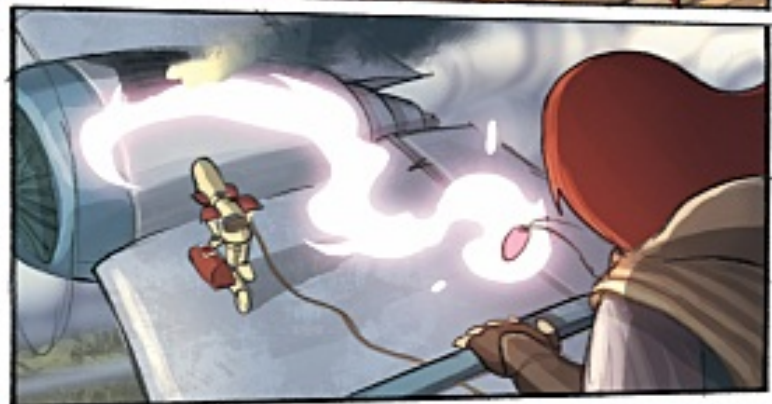
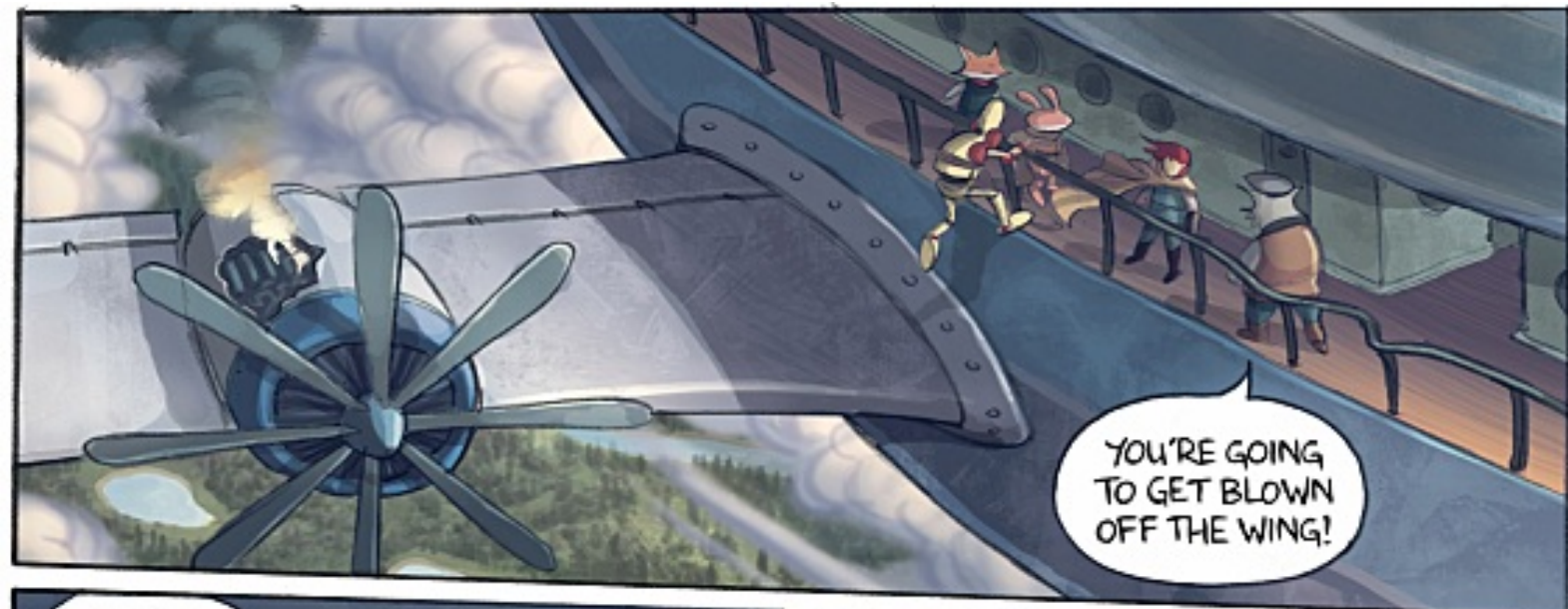
WE HAVE
TO GET CLEAR
OF THESE
CLOUDS.

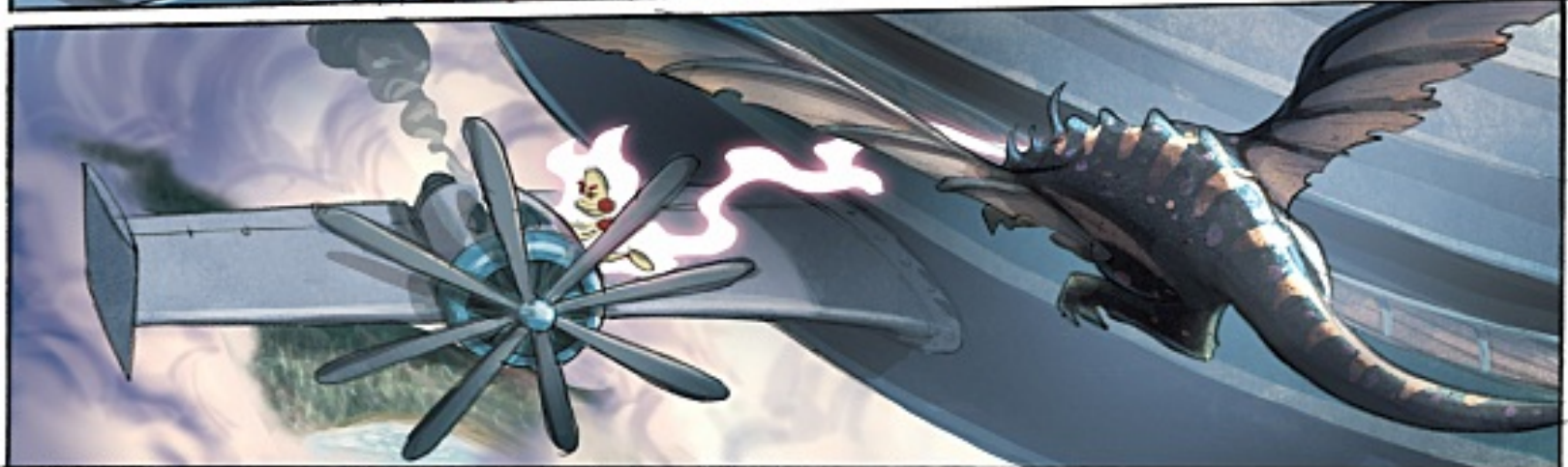
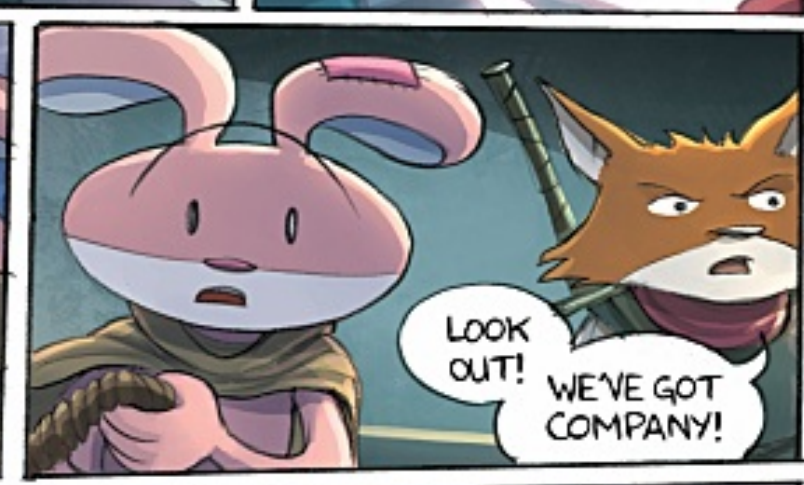
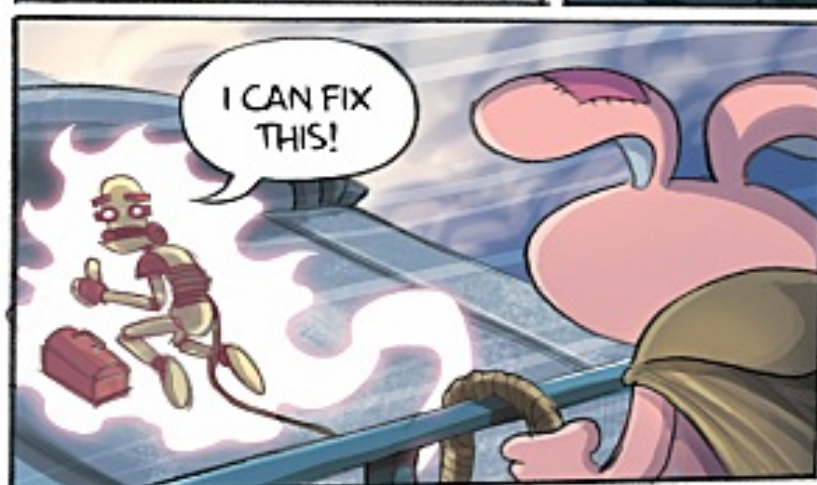
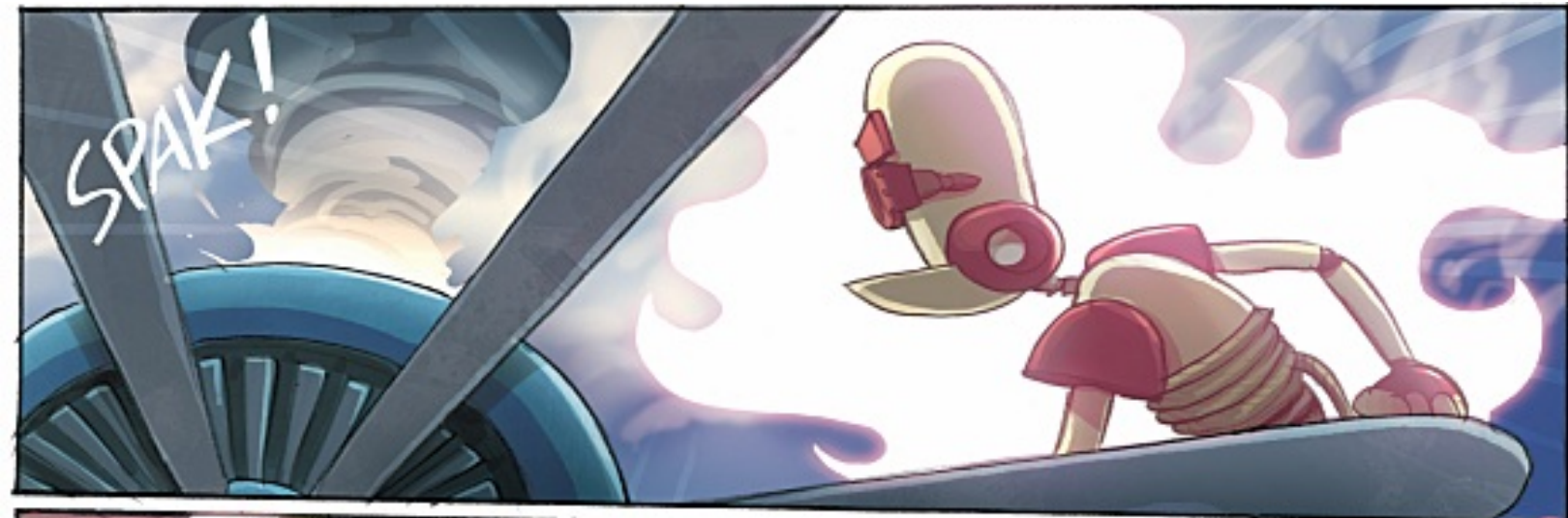
IT'S THESE
THUNDERHEADS.

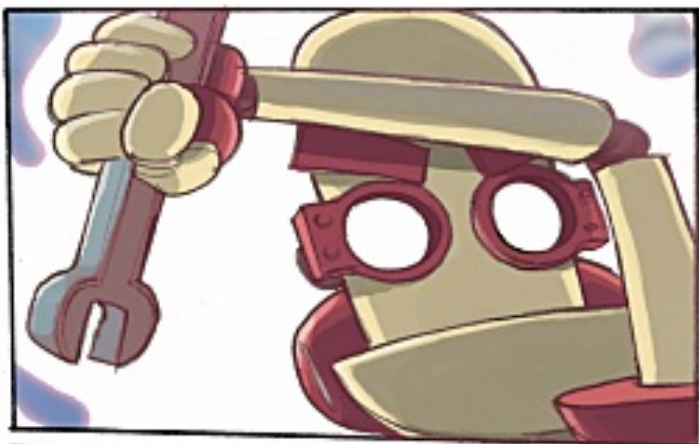
WYVERNS
LIKE TO FLY
THROUGH
THEM.





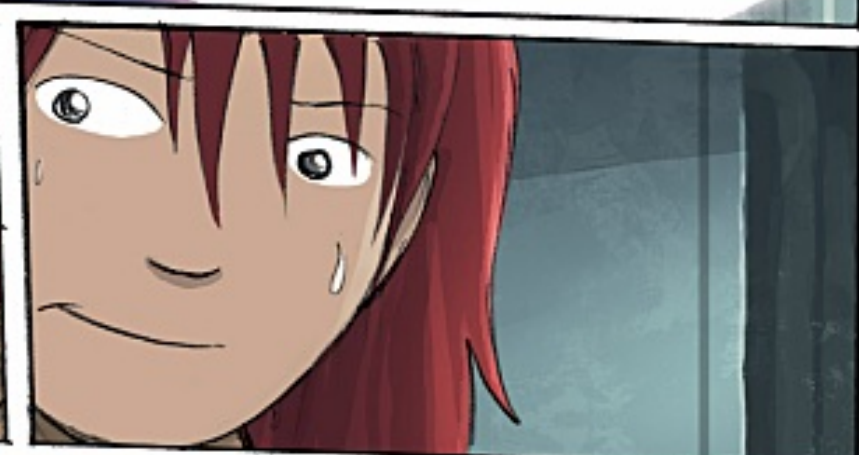
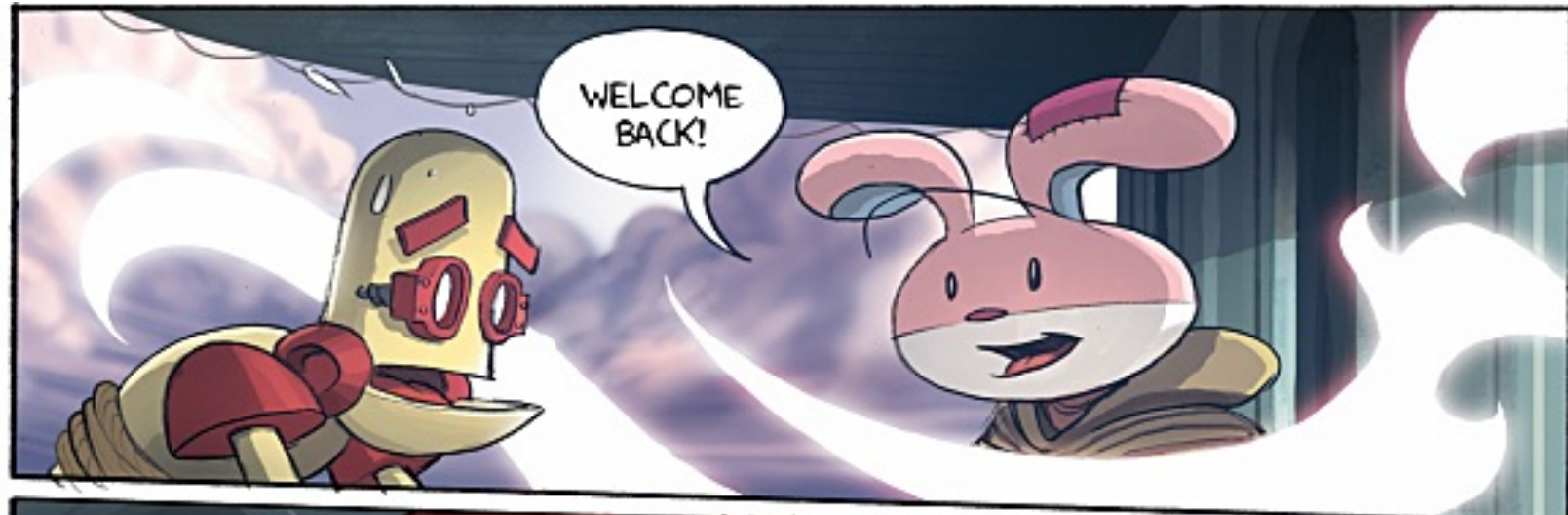


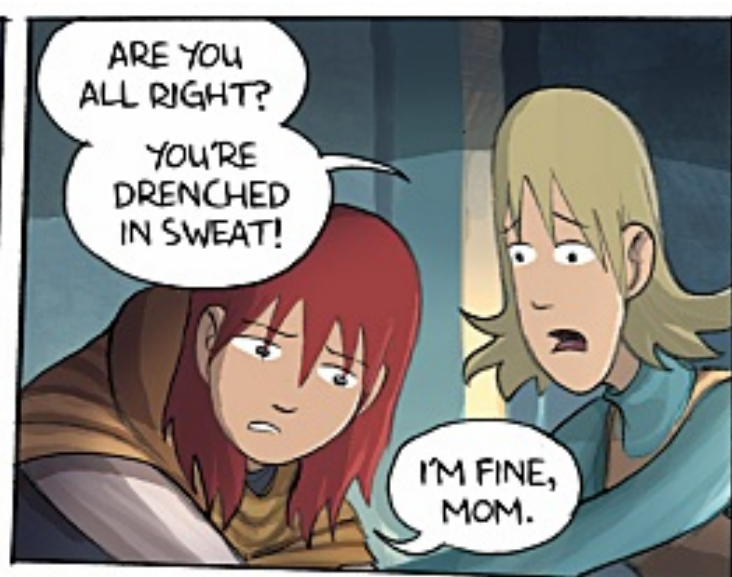


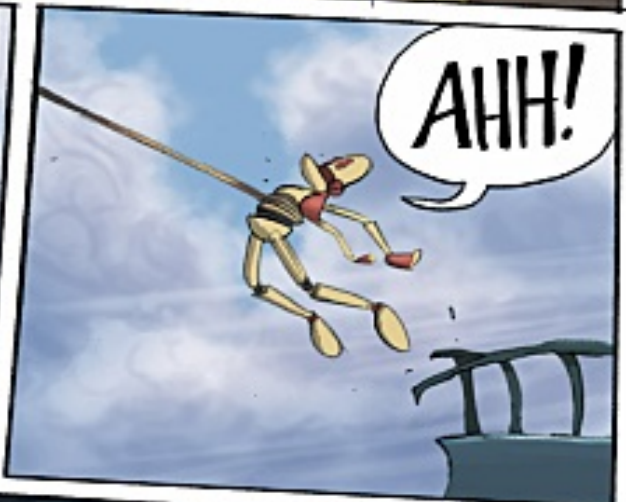




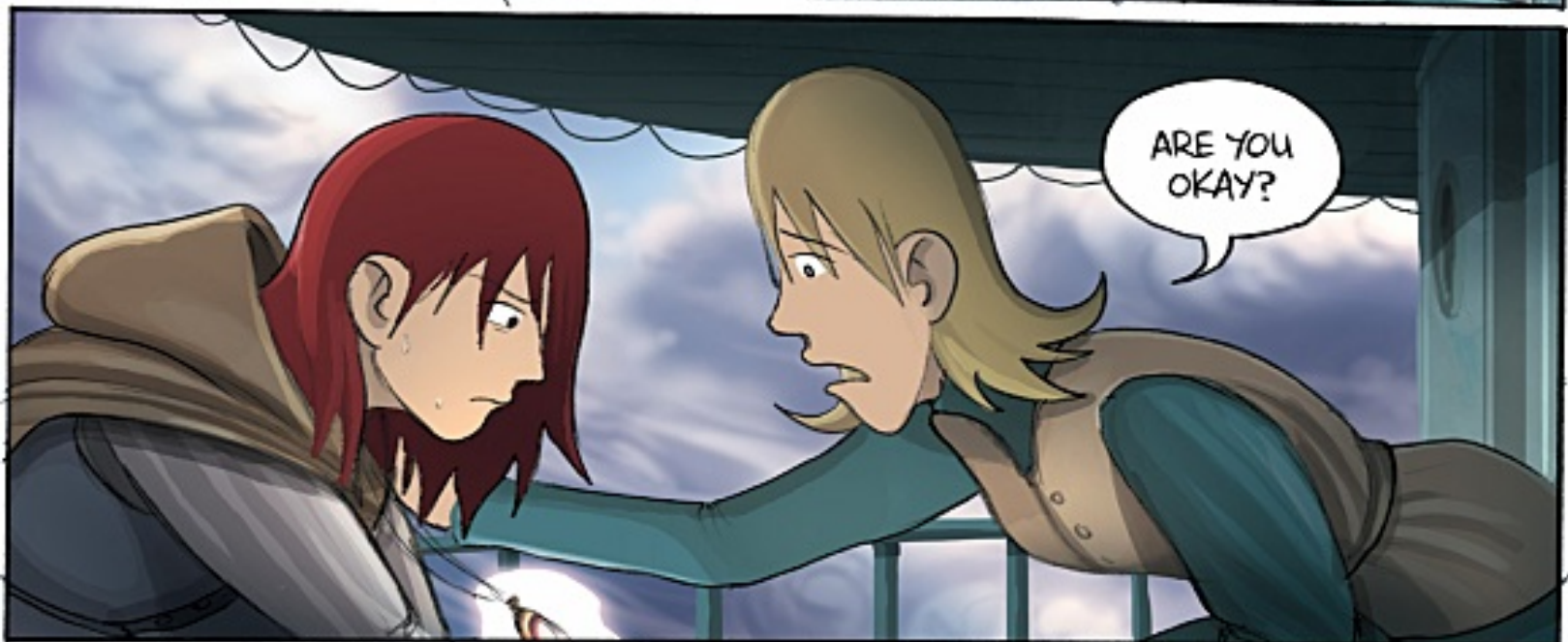















WHAT
WERE YOU
THINKING?




WE HAVE
TO GO BACK.


WE CAN'T
LEAVE THEM
BEHIND!




STOP
THE SHIP!
WE HAVE
TO TURN
AROUND!



ARE YOU
CRAZY?!




WE HAVE
TO GET OUT
OF THESE CLOUDS
BEFORE THE
WYVERNS TEAR
US APART!



BUT WE LOST
MISKIT AND
COGSLEY!

WHAT?!



A WYVERN
TOOK THEM.



I'M SORRY,
KID, BUT THERE'S
NOTHING WE CAN
DO.

THEY'RE
TOO FAST FOR
THIS SHIP.

EVEN IF WE
CHASED AFTER
YOUR FRIENDS, WE
WOULD NEVER
CATCH UP.



I'M
SORRY.





WE NEED TO
REFUEL SOON,
ENZO.

WE ALSO NEED
TO REPAIR THE
ENGINE.

“SIGH”

WHAT'S THE
MATTER?

THERE'S ONLY
ONE FUELING STATION
SERVICING THIS ROUTE.

AND I WAS
HOPING WE
COULD AVOID
A PIT STOP.

UH-OH.

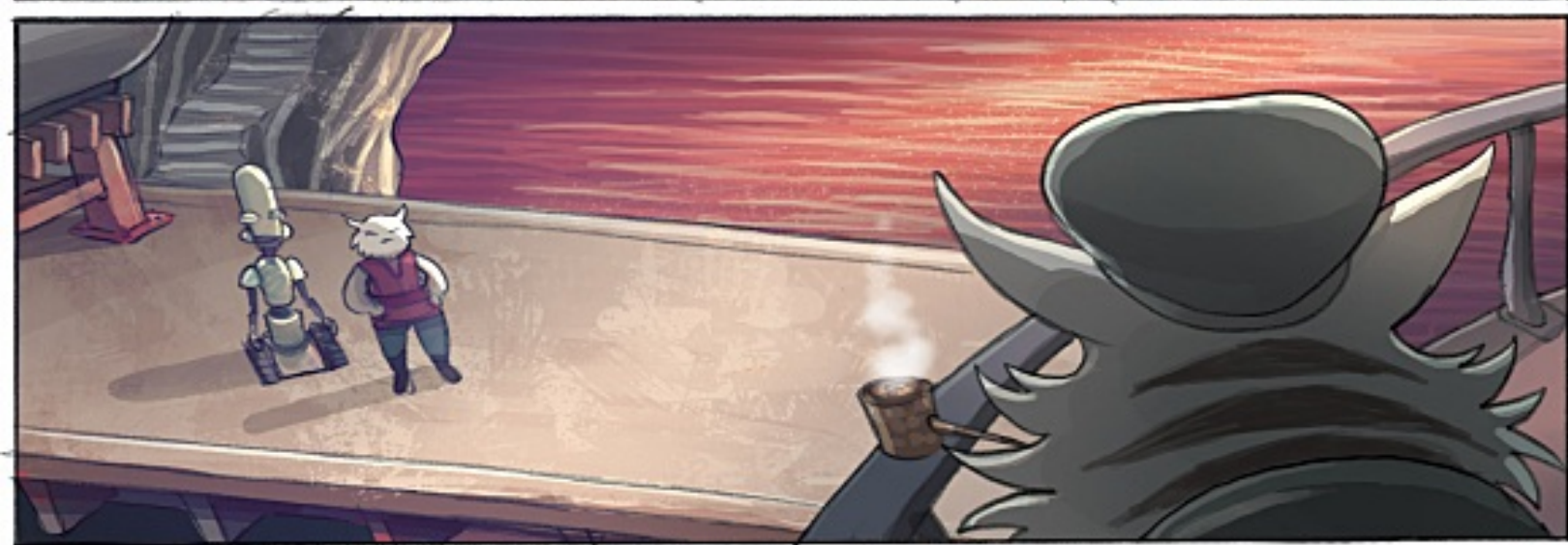
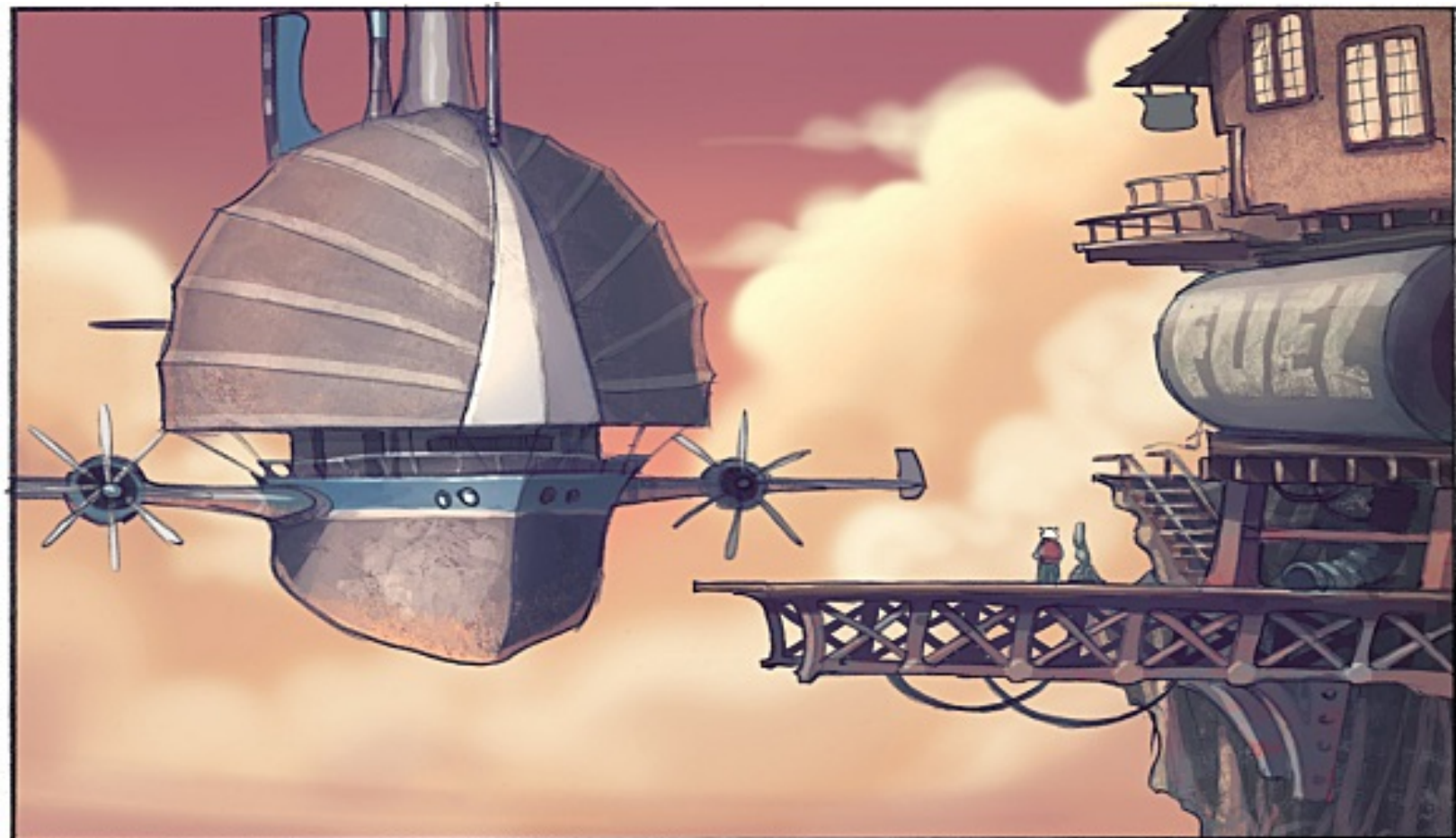
ARE WE
WHERE I THINK
WE ARE?

SHE'S THE
ONLY ONE
OUT HERE,
RICO.


LET'S JUST
HOPE OLD WOUNDS
HEAL FAST.











I JUST
NEED FUEL,
SELINA.

AND I'LL
BE OUT OF
YOUR HAIR.



I THOUGHT
YOU STOPPED
SAILING THIS
ROUTE LONG
AGO.

I DID.



ARE
YOU OKAY,
CAPTAIN?




YEAH,
I'M FINE.

I'D LIKE YOU
ALL TO MEET
SOMEONE.




THIS
IS SELINA
FIGGINS.

SHE IS THE
OWNER OF THIS
FUELING STATION.

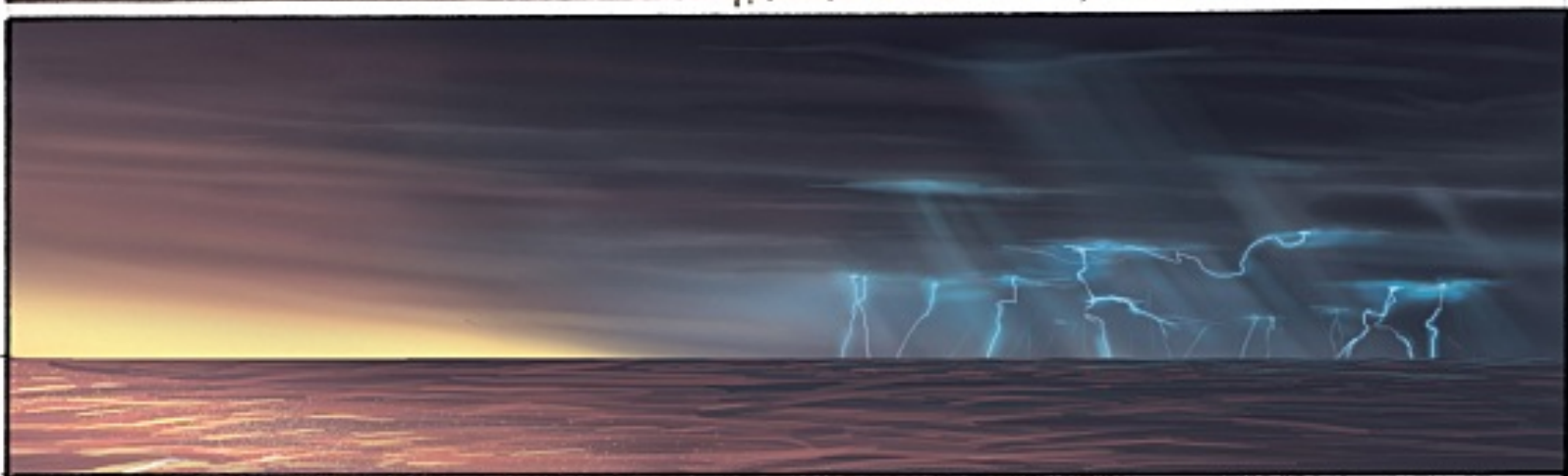
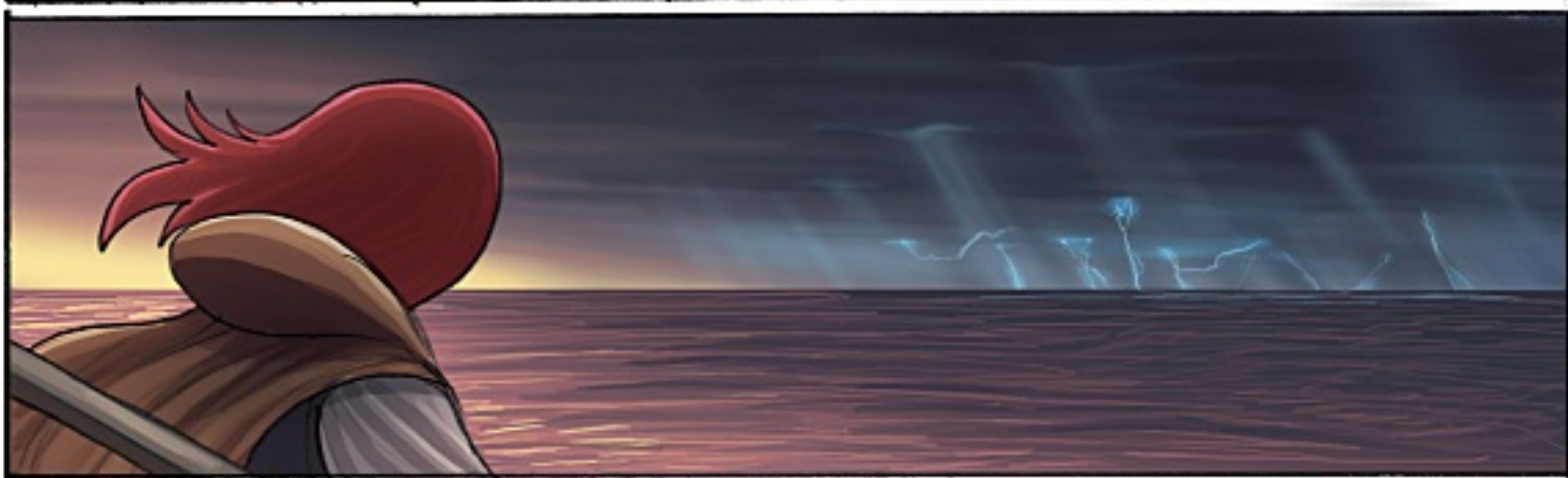


ARE YOU
STILL CHASING
THAT STUPID
FLYING CITY?



FOR YOUR
INFORMATION,
THESE PEOPLE
HAVE ASKED ME
TO TAKE THEM
THERE.







DON'T
WORRY,
NAVIN.

I'M SURE
THEY'RE
OKAY.



THEY SEEM
VERY CAPABLE,
AND I'M CERTAIN
THEY WEREN'T
EATEN.



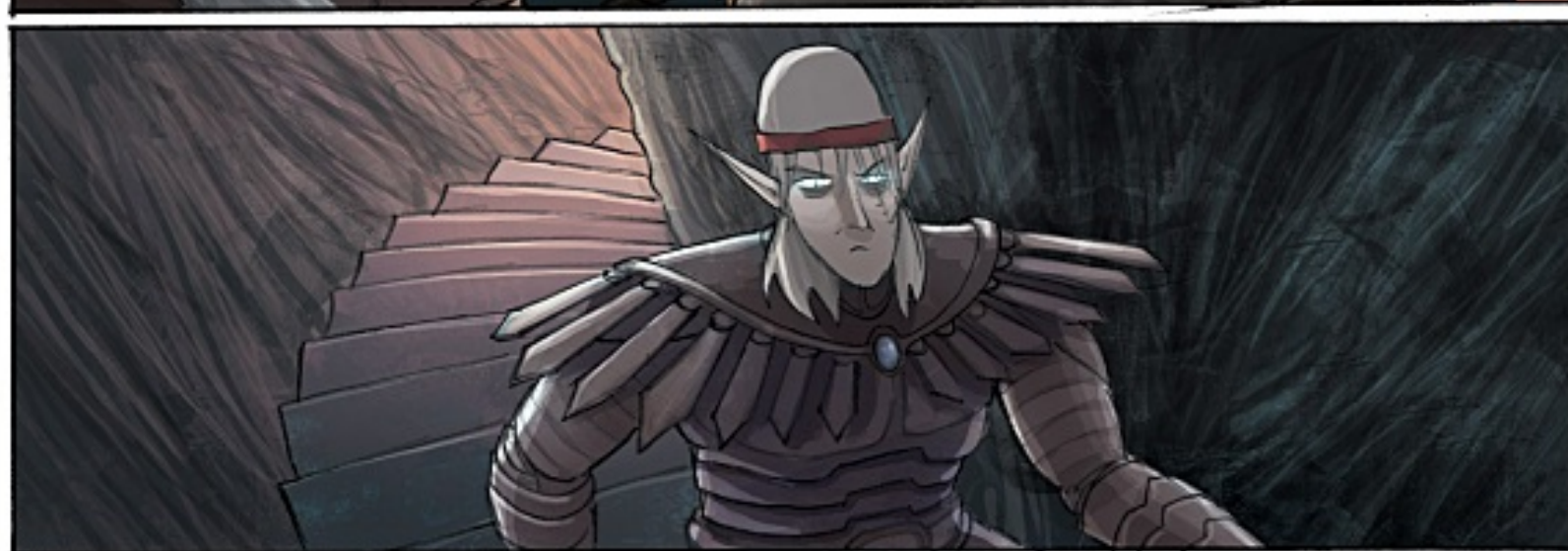
THIS IS
LIKE WHEN YOU
LOSE YOUR
TOYS.

THEY'LL
TURN UP AGAIN,
EVENTUALLY.



I DUNNO,
MOM.

I DON'T
THINK THIS
IS LIKE THAT
AT ALL.









AND YOU CAN
BEGIN BY TELLING
ME WHY YOU NEED
MY HELP IN TAKING
DOWN YOUR
FATHER.



ON GONDOA
MOUNTAIN, THE
DAY WE MET.

THE ARACHNOPOD
CARRYING YOUR MOTHER
WAS SUPPOSED TO FIND
ITS WAY BACK TO THE
ELF KING, BUT I
STOPPED IT.



IT WAS SEEN
AS AN ACT OF
TREASON.


MY FATHER WAS LOOKING
FOR A YOUNG STONEKEEPER
TO TAKE MY PLACE AS HIS
SUCCESSOR, AND I WANTED
TO STOP HIM.

I WANTED TO USE
YOU AGAINST HIM,
BUT I FAILED.






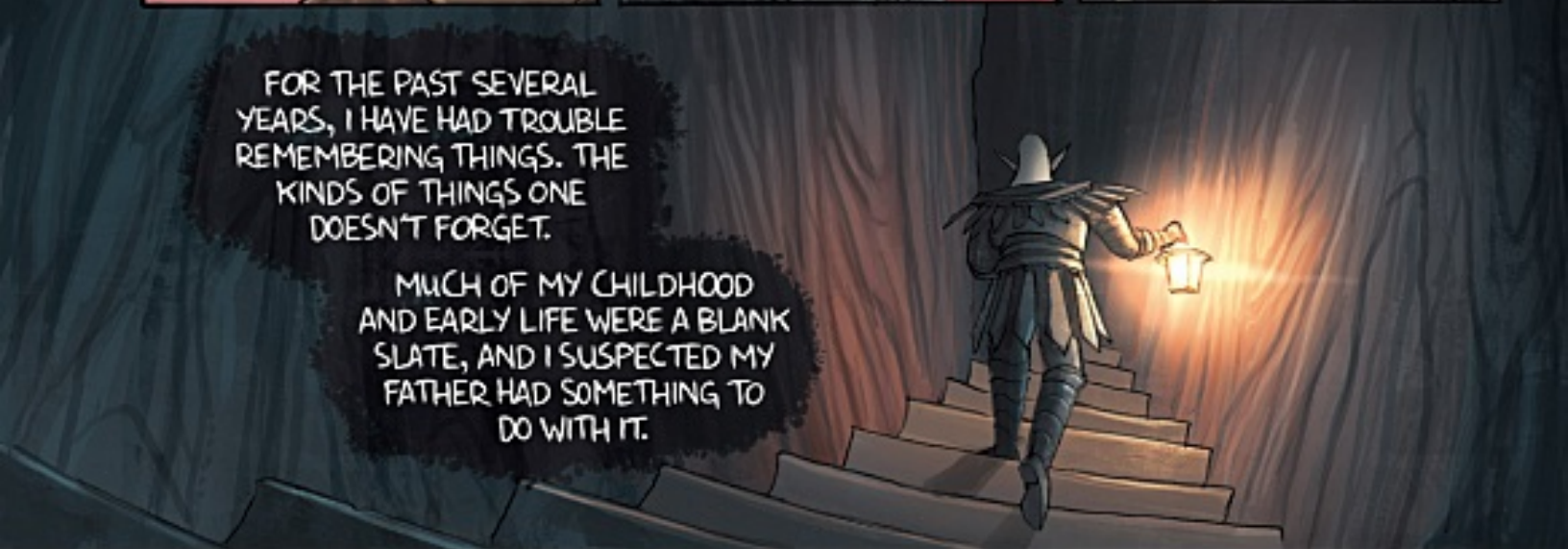
HE WANTED
ME TO BE HIS
SUCCESSOR?



BEING JEALOUS,
I ASSUMED THAT
WAS HIS WISH.




BUT I'M AFRAID
THE TRUTH IS
FAR MORE
SINISTER.




FOR THE PAST SEVERAL
YEARS, I HAVE HAD TROUBLE
REMEMBERING THINGS. THE
KINDS OF THINGS ONE
DOESN'T FORGET.

MUCH OF MY CHILDHOOD
AND EARLY LIFE WERE A BLANK
SLATE, AND I SUSPECTED MY
FATHER HAD SOMETHING TO
DO WITH IT.




STRANGELY ENOUGH,
ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING
IMAGES IN MY MEMORY WAS
THAT OF MY FATHER'S FACE.
IT WAS THE ONLY THING I
SAW CLEARLY, AS IF I HAD
DECIDED IT WAS THE ONLY
MEMORY WORTH KEEPING.

I WANTED TO SEE HIM
AGAIN, TO CATCH A GLIMPSE
OF HIS FACE BEHIND THE MASK,
WITH THE HOPE THAT IT MIGHT
HELP BRING BACK MORE
MEMORIES.



UNDER THE COVER OF
NIGHT, I SNUCK INTO HIS
TOWER AND BEDROOM
CHAMBER.


AND WHAT I SAW
I WILL NEVER FORGET.



BEHIND THE MASK
WAS MY FATHER'S
FACE, JUST AS I HAD
REMEMBERED IT.

BUT JUST AS MY
MEMORY WAS FROZEN
IN TIME, THE FACE BEFORE
ME WAS FROZEN AS WELL.

SOMETHING
WAS WRONG.



HIS FEATURES WERE GAUNT
AND GRAY, WITH SKIN LIKE
STONE. HIS EYES GLAZED OVER
BY A MILKY WHITE SUBSTANCE,
AND NOTHING BUT A COLD
EMPTYNESS BEHIND THEM.

HE WAS
DEAD.









HAVING
TROUBLE
SLEEPING?



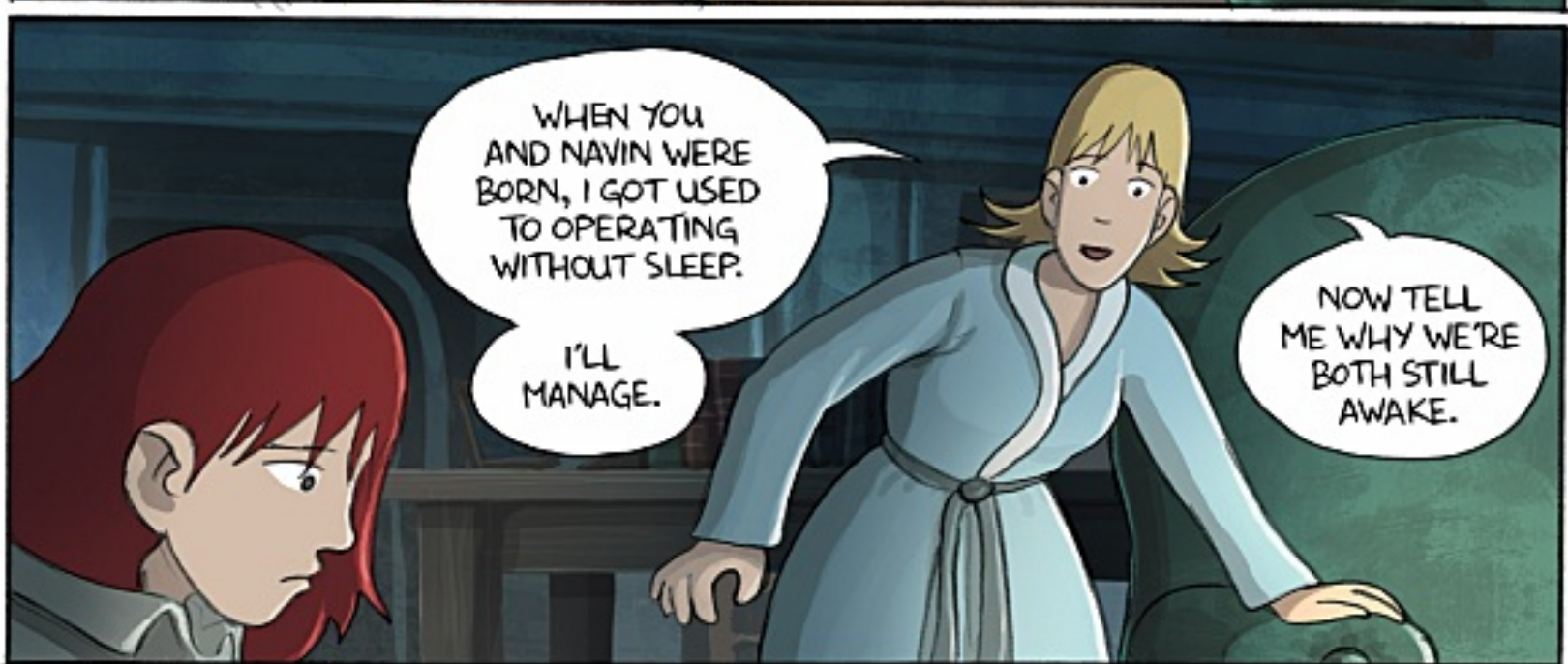
I NOTICED
YOU WEREN'T
IN BED.
CAN I
JOIN YOU?



YOU SHOULD
BE SLEEPING,
MOM.

WE HAVE
A LONG DAY
TOMORROW.


DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT ME.



WHEN YOU
AND NAVIN WERE
BORN, I GOT USED
TO OPERATING
WITHOUT SLEEP.


I'LL
MANAGE.

NOW TELL
ME WHY WE'RE
BOTH STILL
AWAKE.



I JUST HAD A BAD DREAM.

EXCEPT I'M NOT SURE IT WAS JUST A DREAM.



I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU MEAN.


YOU DO?



WHEN YOUR FATHER PASSED AWAY, I FELT PRETTY MUCH LIKE YOU DO NOW.

I HAD MORE WEIGHT ON MY SHOULDERS THAN I COULD HANDLE.

WITHOUT HIS SUPPORT, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. I FELT SO ALONE.




BUT WHEN I LOOKED AT YOUR FACES, I REALIZED I HAD TO STOP FEELING BAD FOR MYSELF.


I HAD TO FOCUS ON TAKING GOOD CARE OF YOU, AND THERE JUST WASN'T TIME TO DWELL ON IT.



SO I TRUSTED MYSELF TO FIGURE IT OUT.



AND MY WORRIES VANISHED.




IF YOU CAN FIND
THE CONFIDENCE TO
TRUST YOURSELF,
YOU CAN MAKE
IT THROUGH ANY
SITUATION, NO
MATTER HOW
BAD THINGS
MAY SEEM.



NOW STOP
WORRYING
SO MUCH.
YOU'RE
WASTING YOUR
TIME.



COME
HERE.



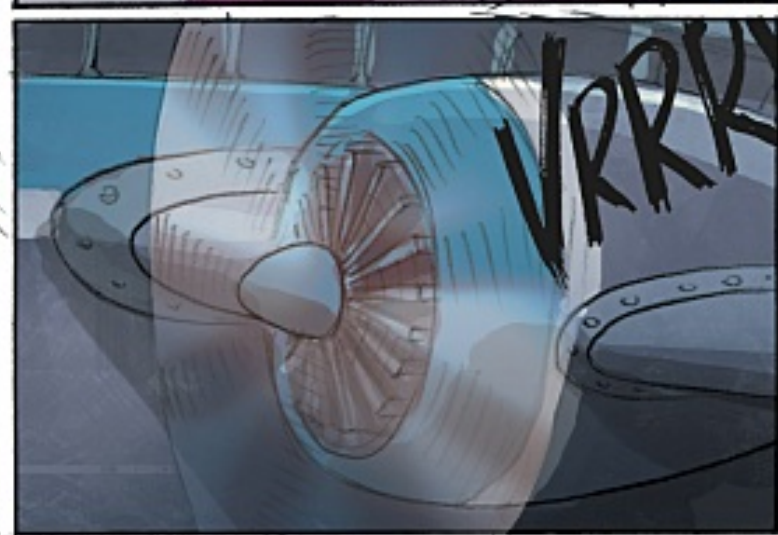
YOU'RE NOT
WORRIED?

I'M YOUR
MOTHER,
SWEETIE.



WORRYING
ABOUT YOU
IS MY FULL-
TIME JOB.

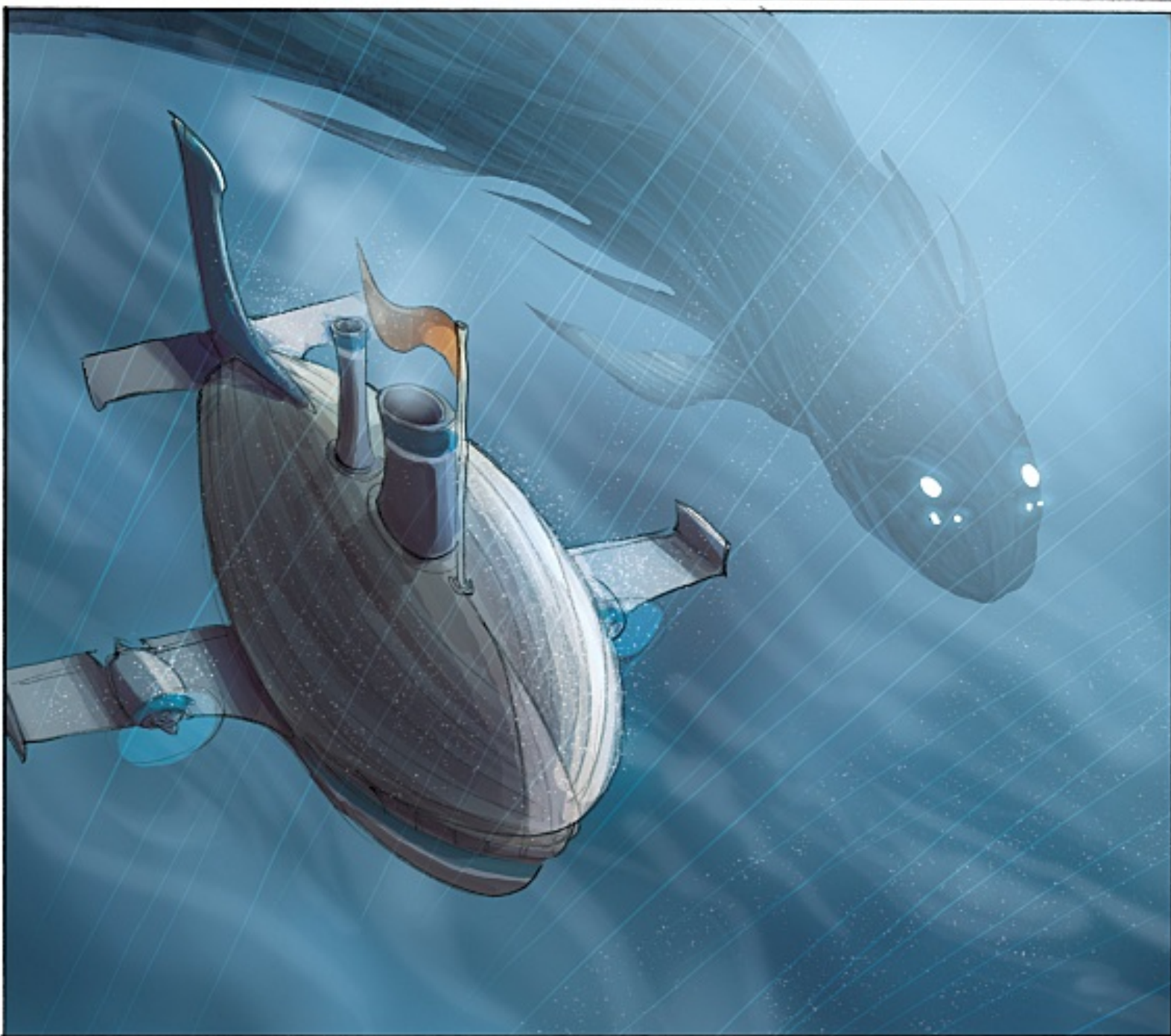
















THEY ARE
AMONG THE
OLDEST LIVING
ANIMALS ON OUR
PLANET.

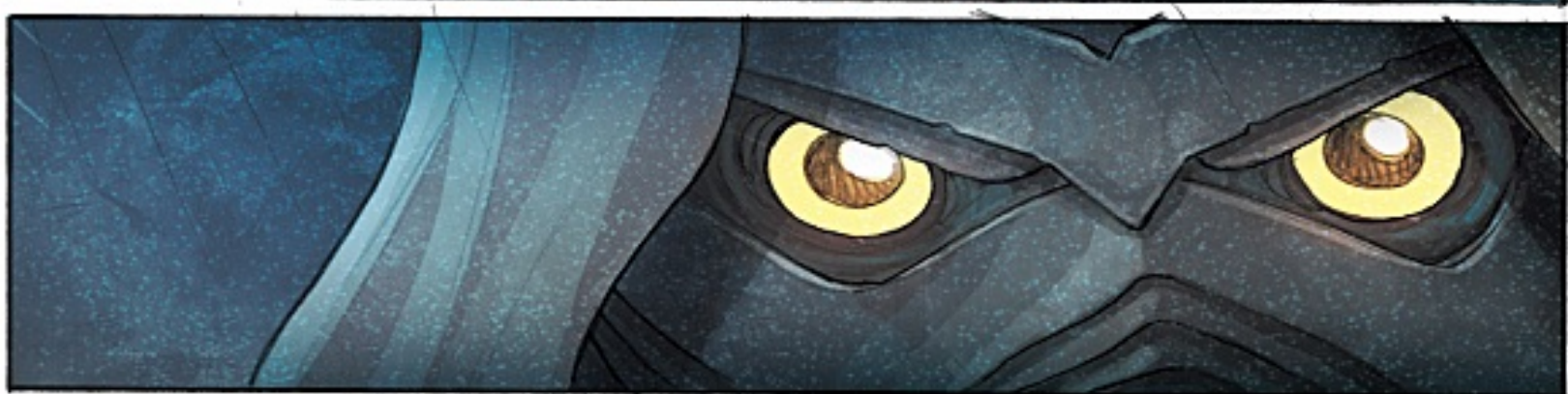
THAT EEL
RIGHT THERE IS
PROBABLY OLDER
THAN THE HISTORY
OF YOUR PEOPLE.

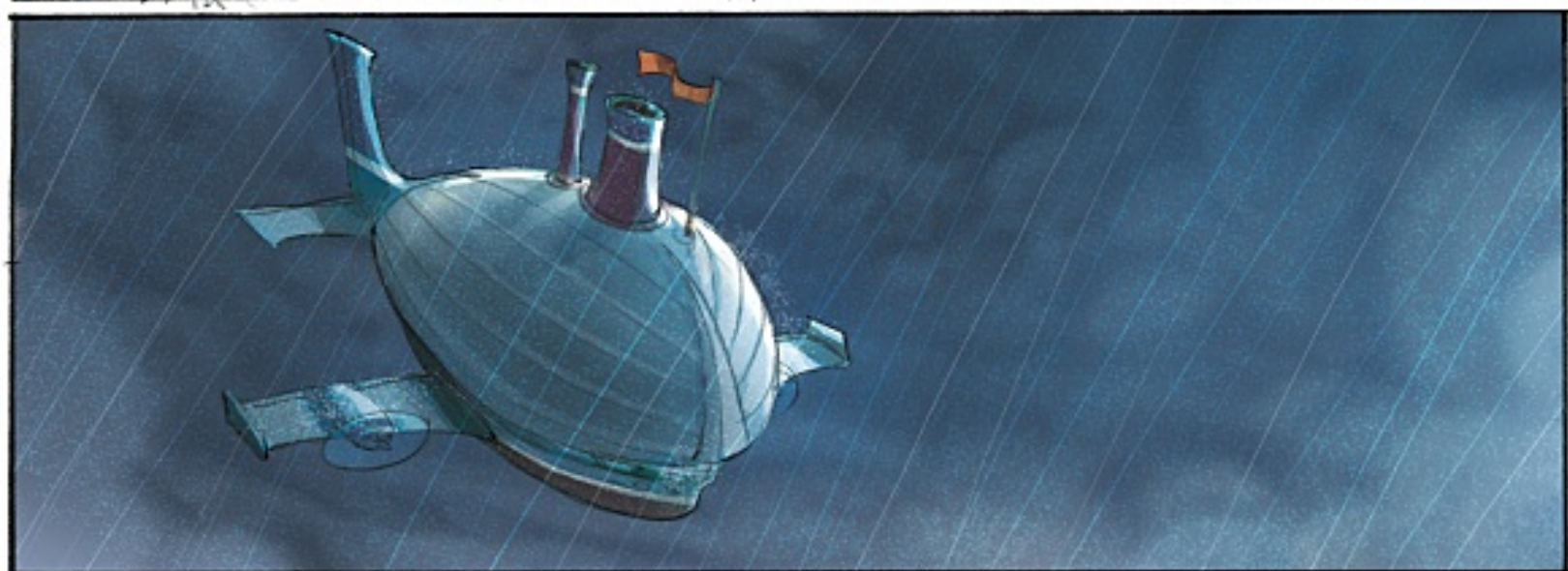
CAN YOU
IMAGINE ALL
THE THINGS HE
MIGHT HAVE SEEN
IN HIS LIFETIME?

HE MUST HAVE A
TREASURE TROVE
OF MEMORIES.

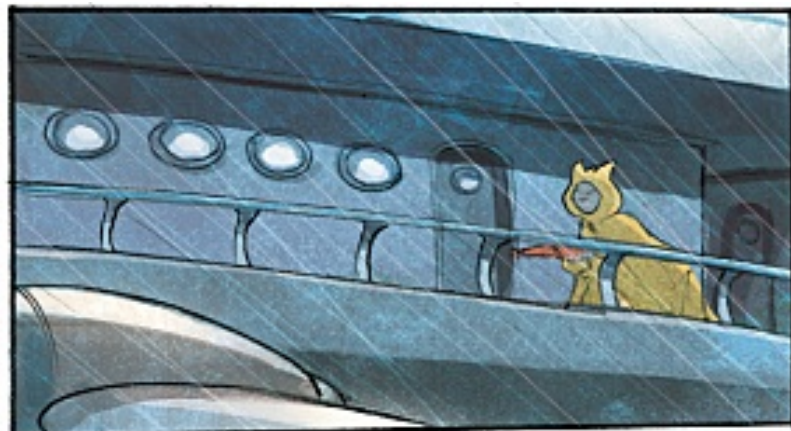
MYSELF,
I CAN'T EVEN
RECALL THE DAYS
OF MY YOUTH.

THAT'S OKAY.
OLD PEOPLE
FORGET THINGS
ALL THE TIME.





WAIT UNTIL
I GIVE THE
WORD!



NOW,
RICO!

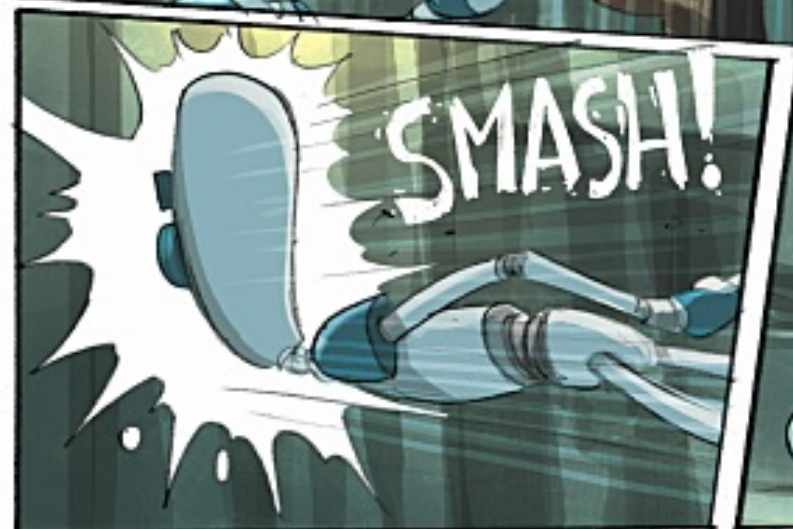
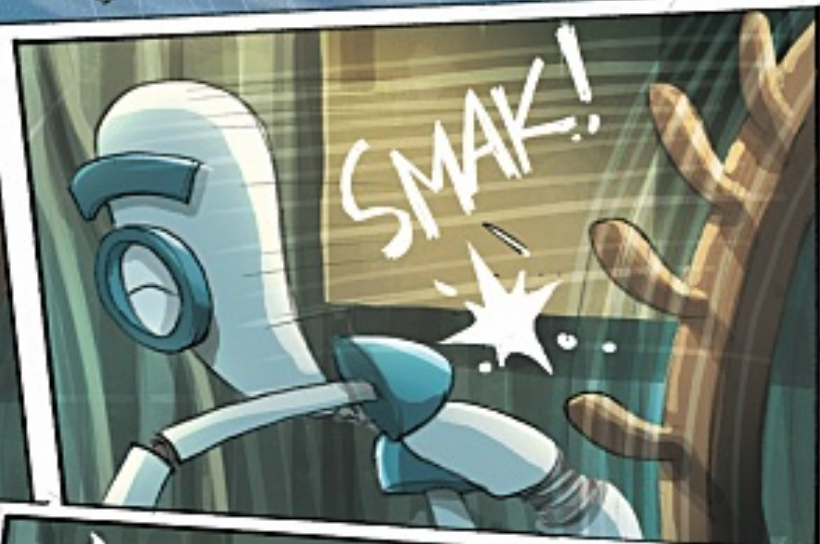
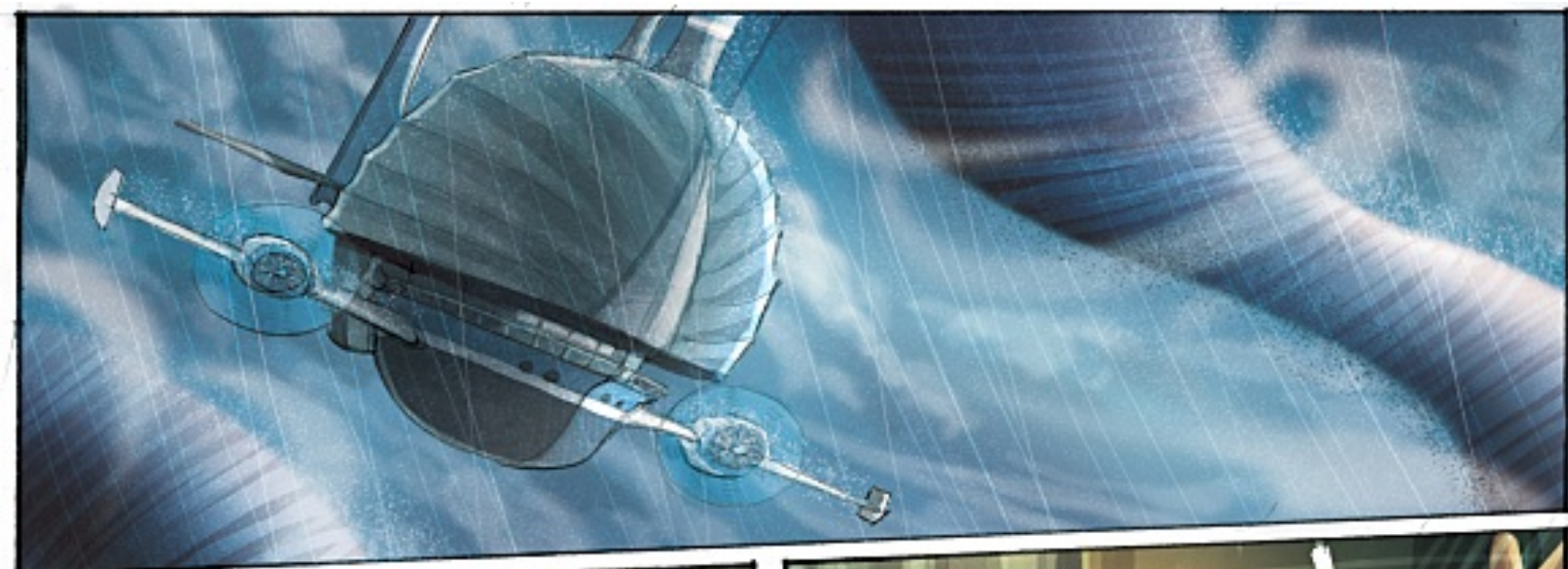
FULL
BLAST!

SPSHHHH!

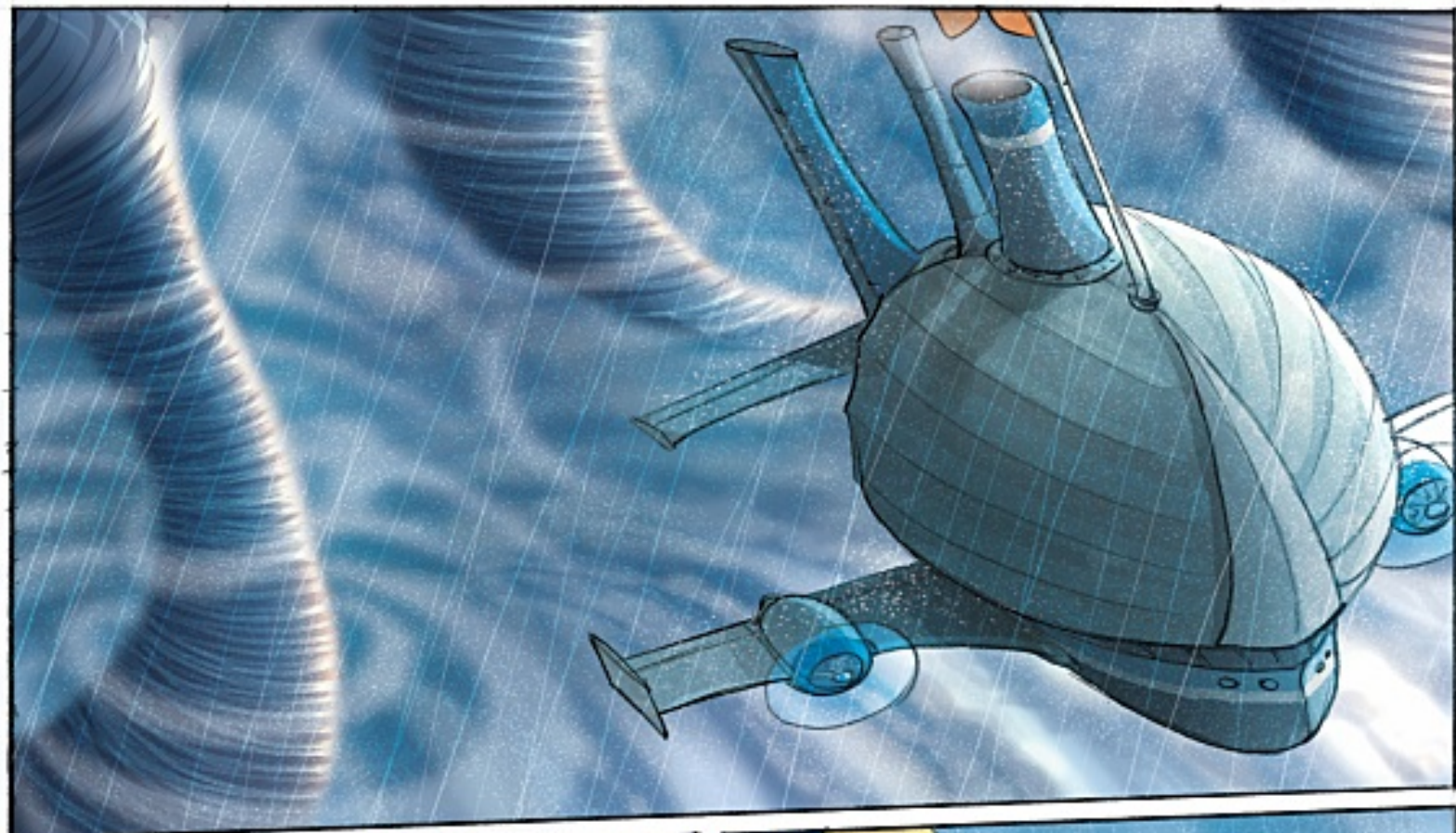
ENZO!
WE'VE GOT
A PROBLEM!

FUNNEL
CLOUDS!

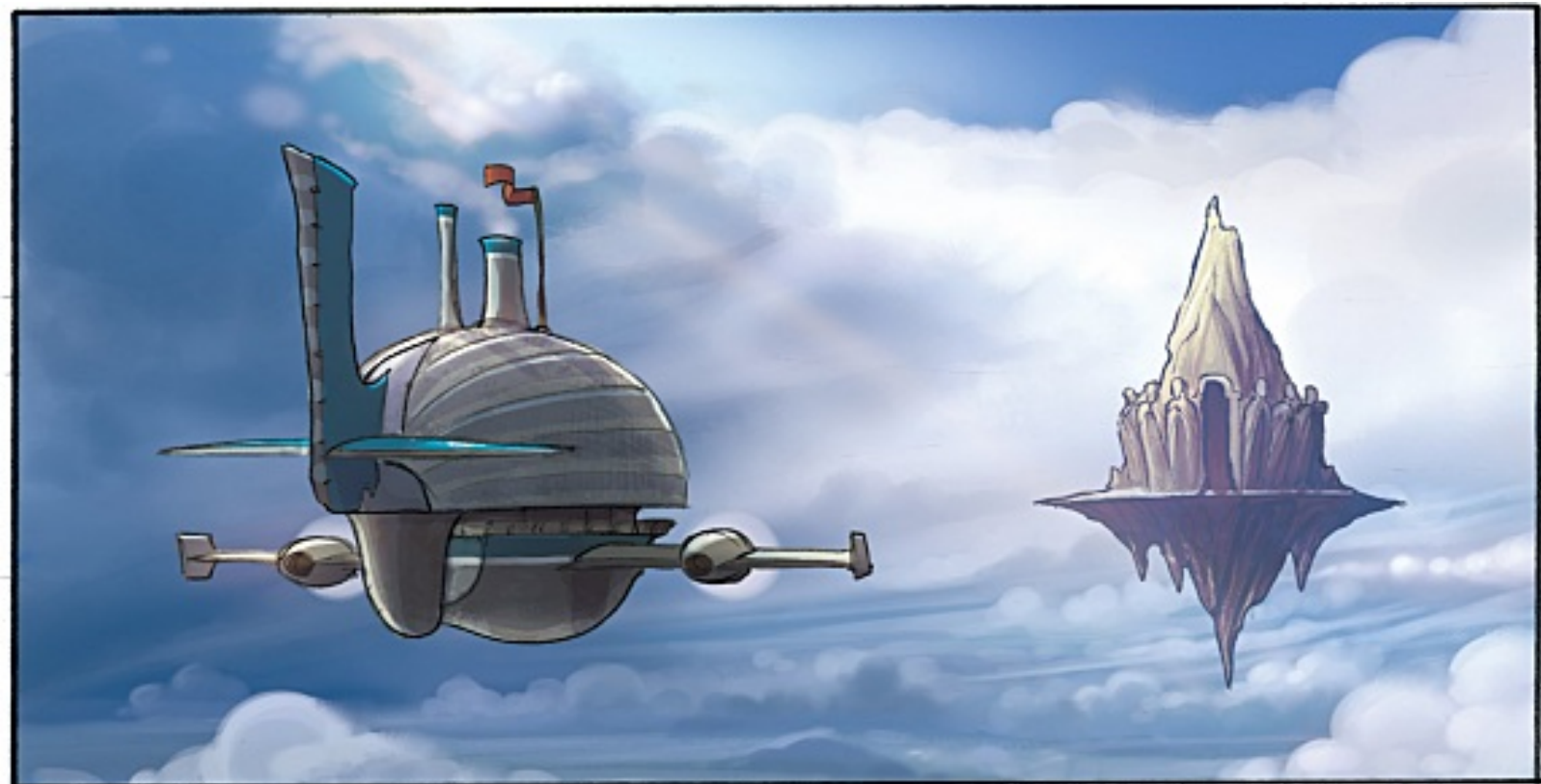


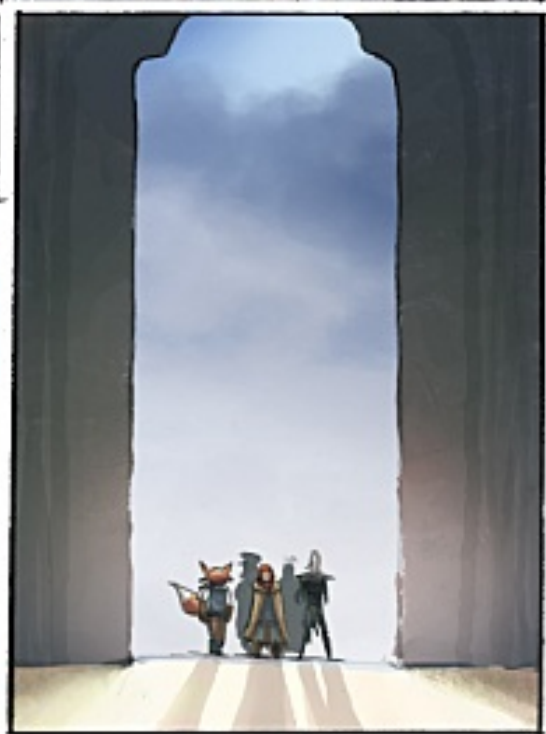
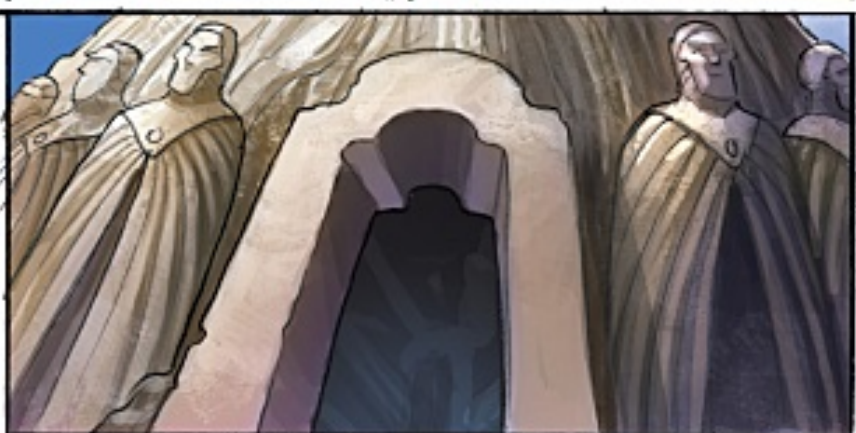
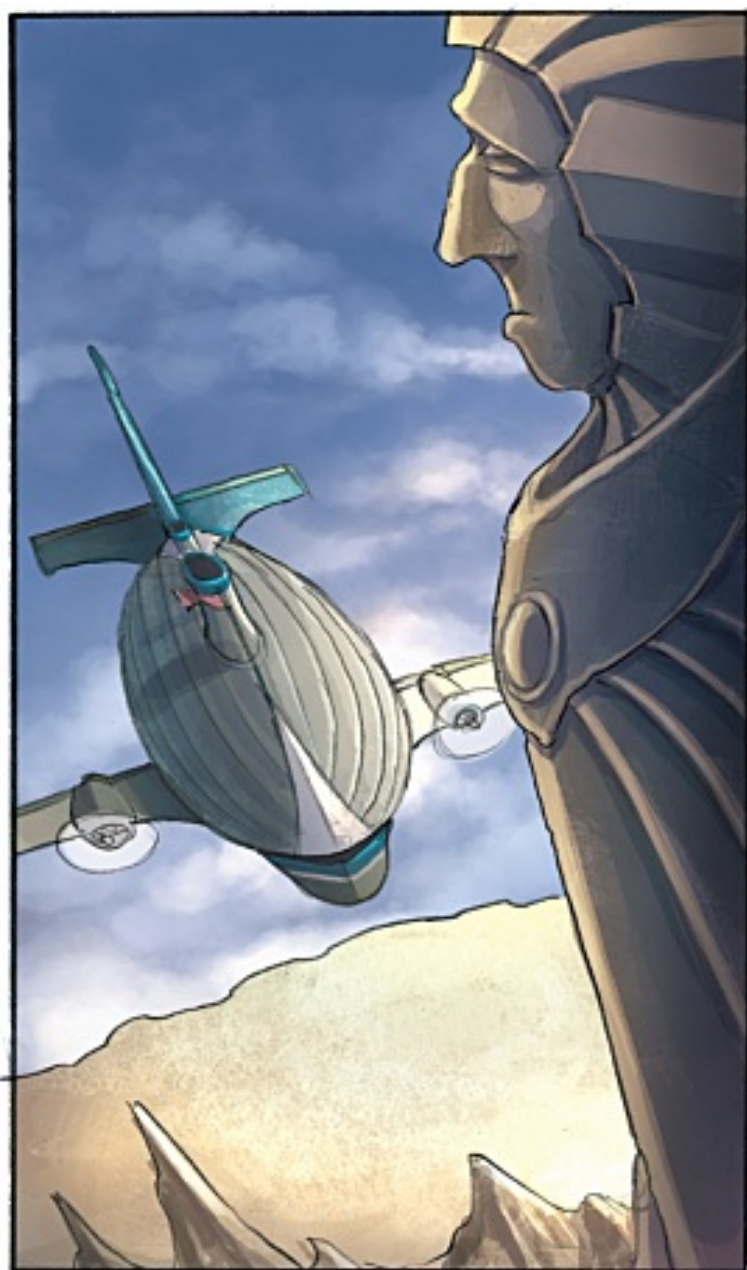


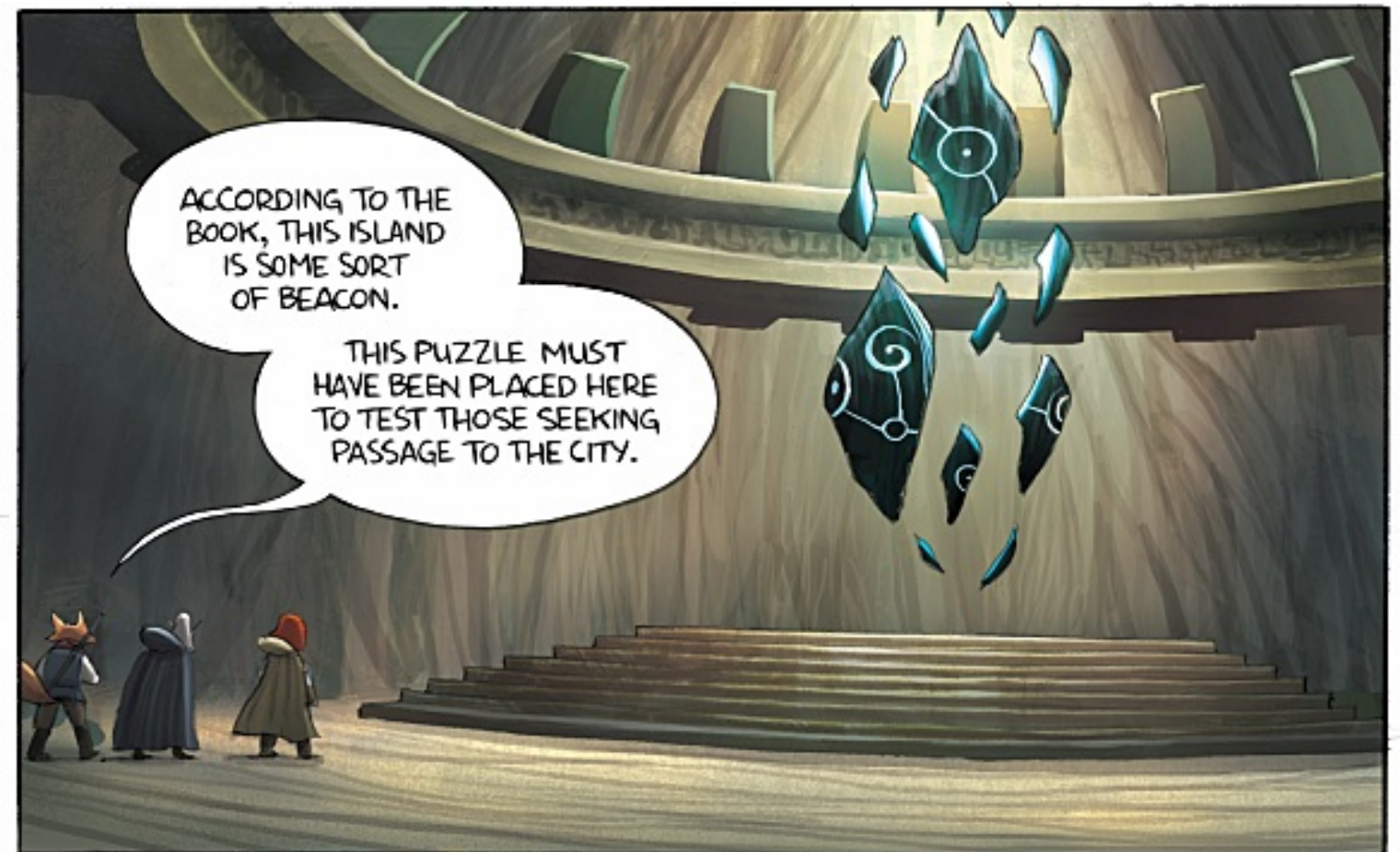














ACCORDING TO THE BOOK, THIS ISLAND IS SOME SORT OF BEACON.

THIS PUZZLE MUST HAVE BEEN PLACED HERE TO TEST THOSE SEEKING PASSAGE TO THE CITY.



HOW IS ALL OF THIS SUSPENDED IN THE AIR?



THE ISLAND AND THESE ROCKS HAVE BEEN IMBUED WITH A SPECIAL ENERGY.

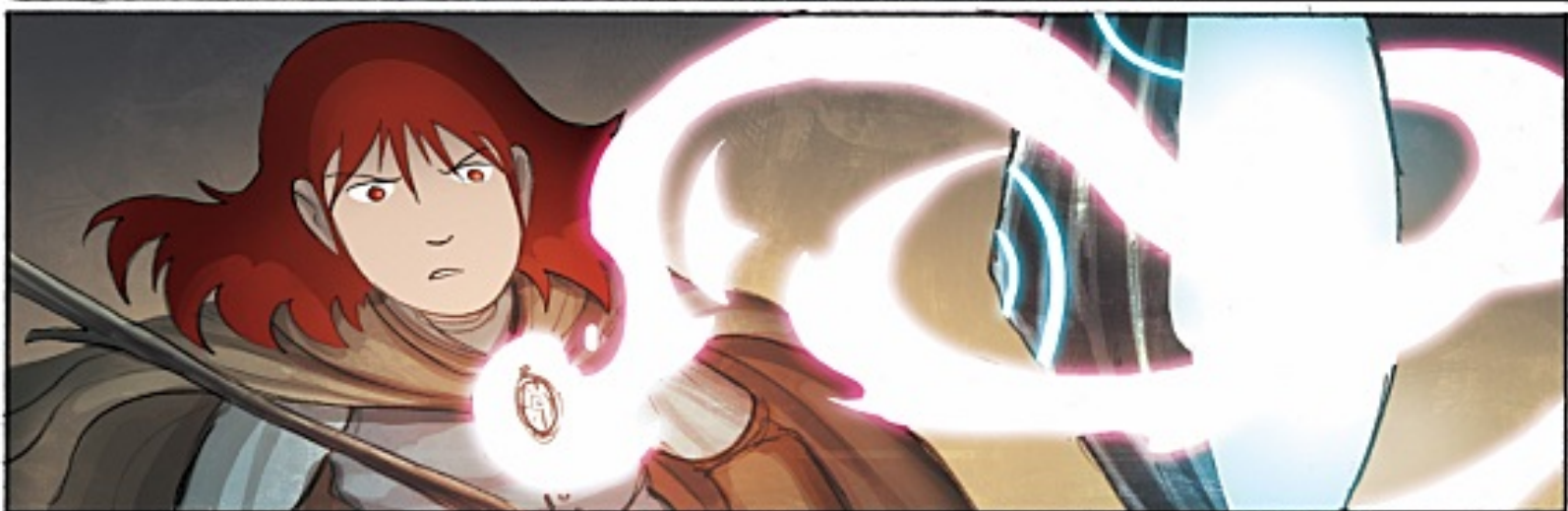
IT IS THE SAME ENERGY THAT GIVES YOUR STONE ITS POWER.



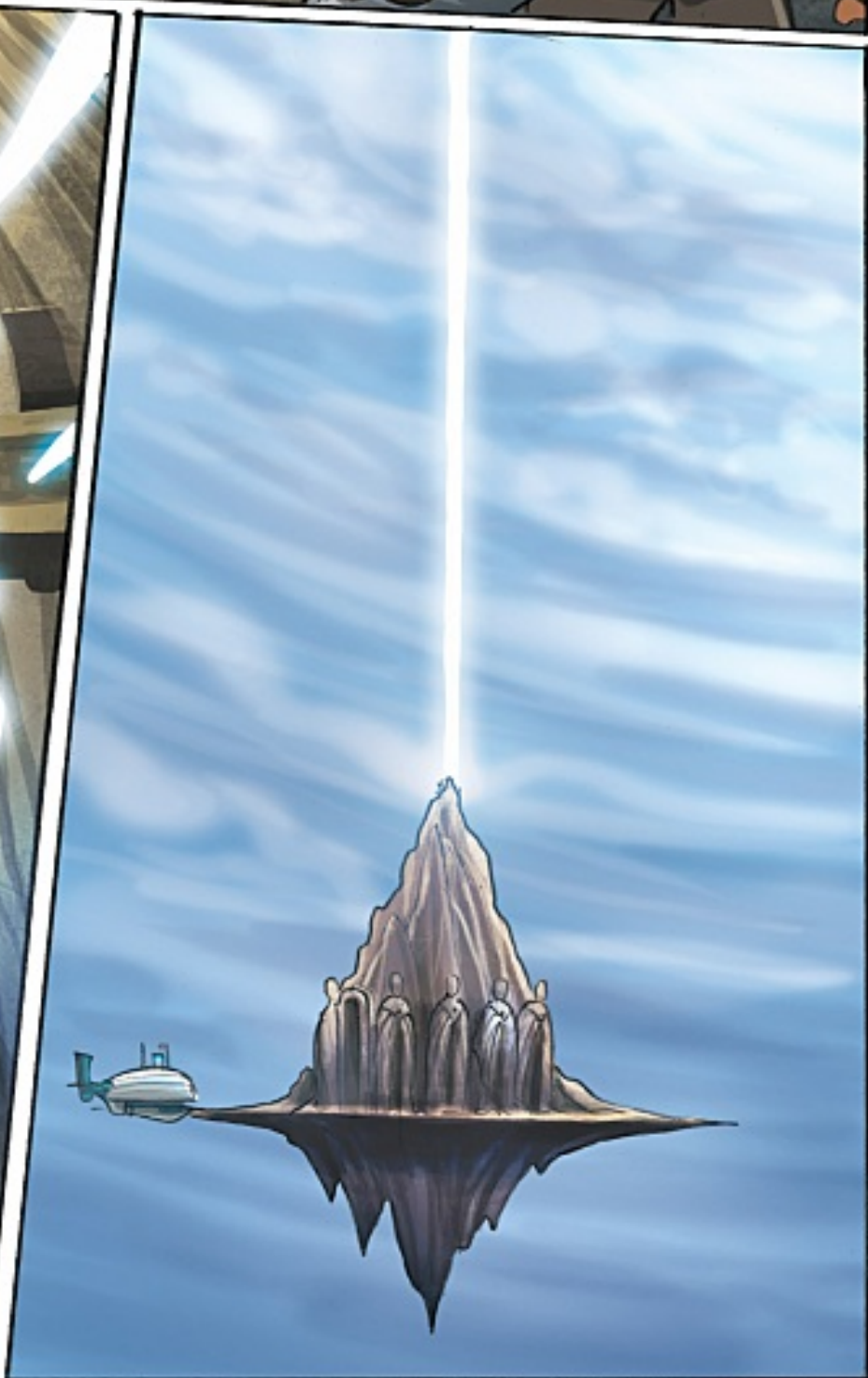
EMILY.
TRELLIS.
LET'S BEGIN.


















PERSONALLY,
I'M MORE THAN
A LITTLE CURIOUS
TO SEE THE
RESULTS.




THAT
VOICE...




I KNOW
THAT VOICE.



I HAVE INFORMED
THE ELF KING ABOUT
THE LOCATION OF THIS
BEACON TEMPLE, SO
IT IS ONLY A MATTER
OF TIME BEFORE THE
FORCES OF GULFEN
RAVAGE CIELIS ONCE
AGAIN.



HOW DOES IT FEEL
TO BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE DEMISE OF THE
GUARDIAN COUNCIL?



EMILY,
I CAN GET
YOU MAYBE TEN
SECONDS.


WHAT?



I CAN PROTECT
YOUR MOTHER
FOR A BRIEF
MOMENT, LEAVING
HIM OPEN FOR
AN ATTACK.


YOU'LL HAVE
ENOUGH TIME
TO STRIKE HIM
DOWN.






YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO DID
THIS TO ME!

YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO MADE
ME FORGET
EVERYTHING!



I WAS ONLY
FOLLOWING
YOUR FATHER'S
ORDERS, LUGER.




MY
FATHER?



FATHER?



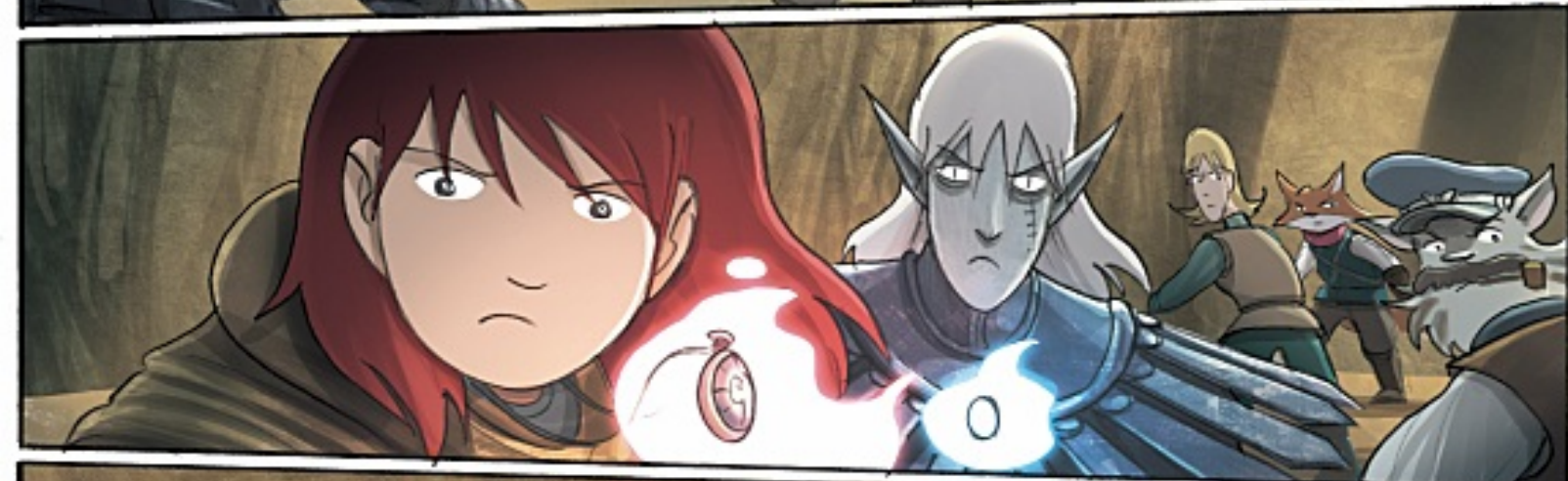
LUGER'S
YOUR
BROTHER?

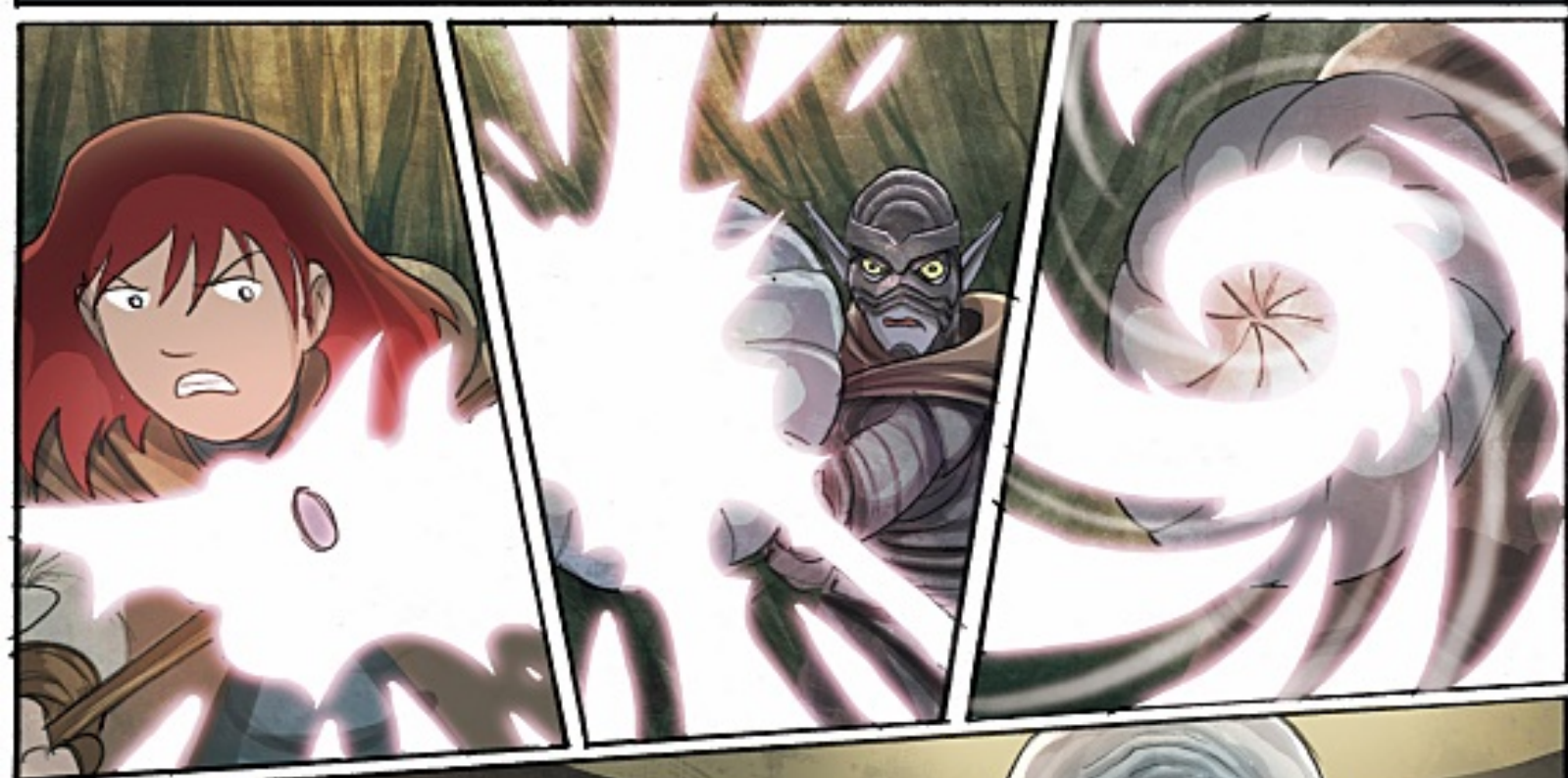
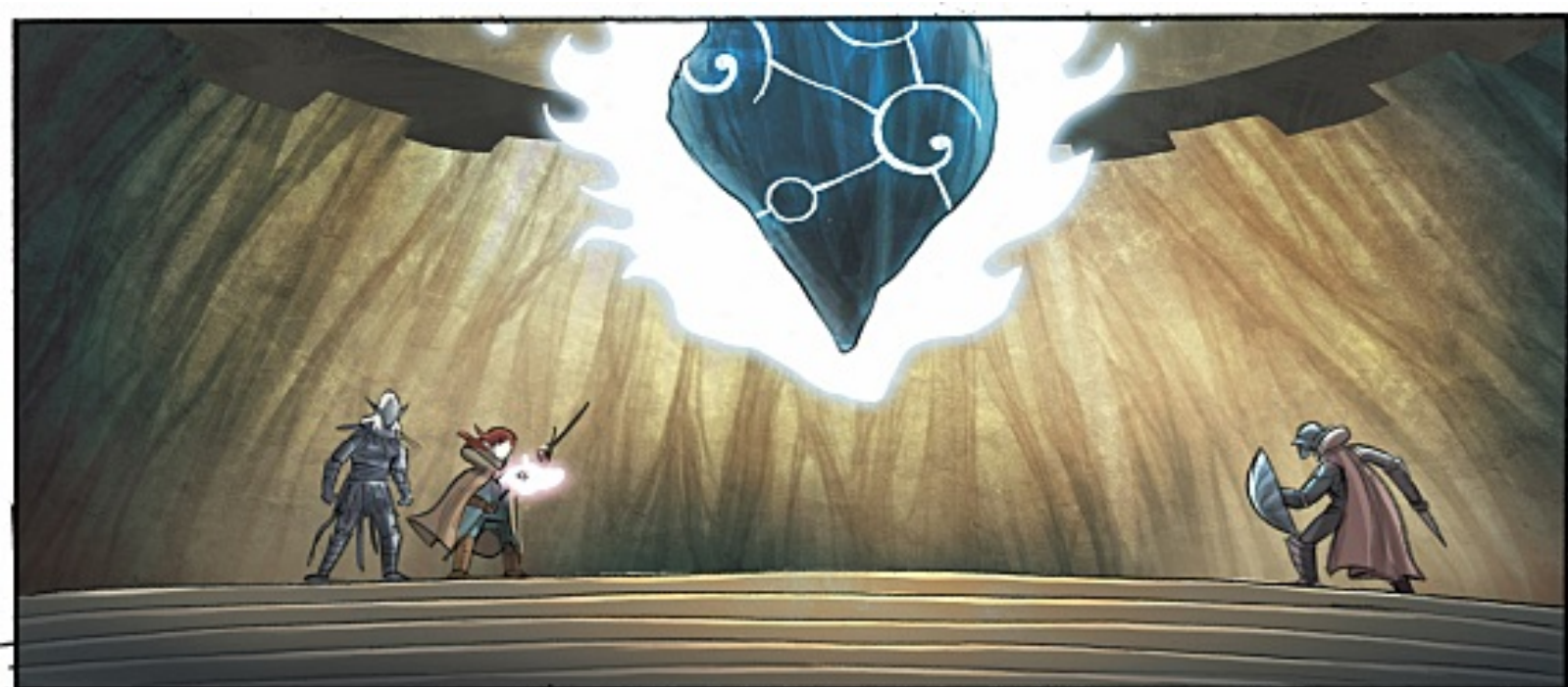


OH, LUGER,
YOU DIDN'T
KNOW?

I MUST HAVE
DONE A BETTER
JOB THAN I
REALIZED.

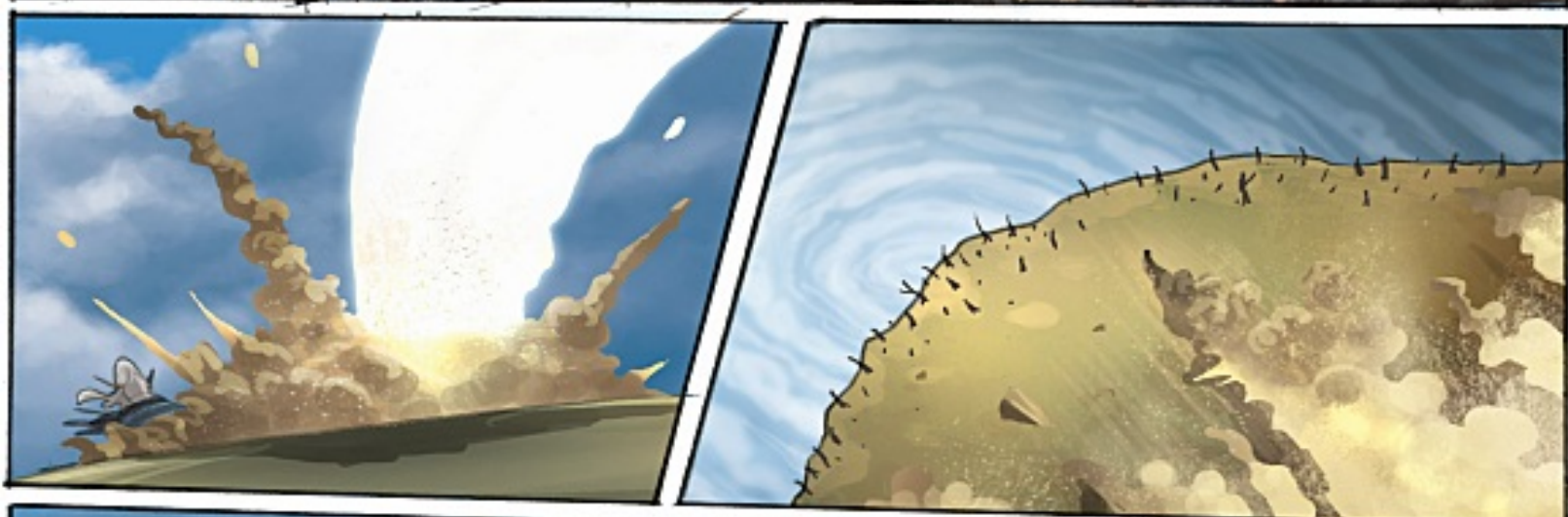


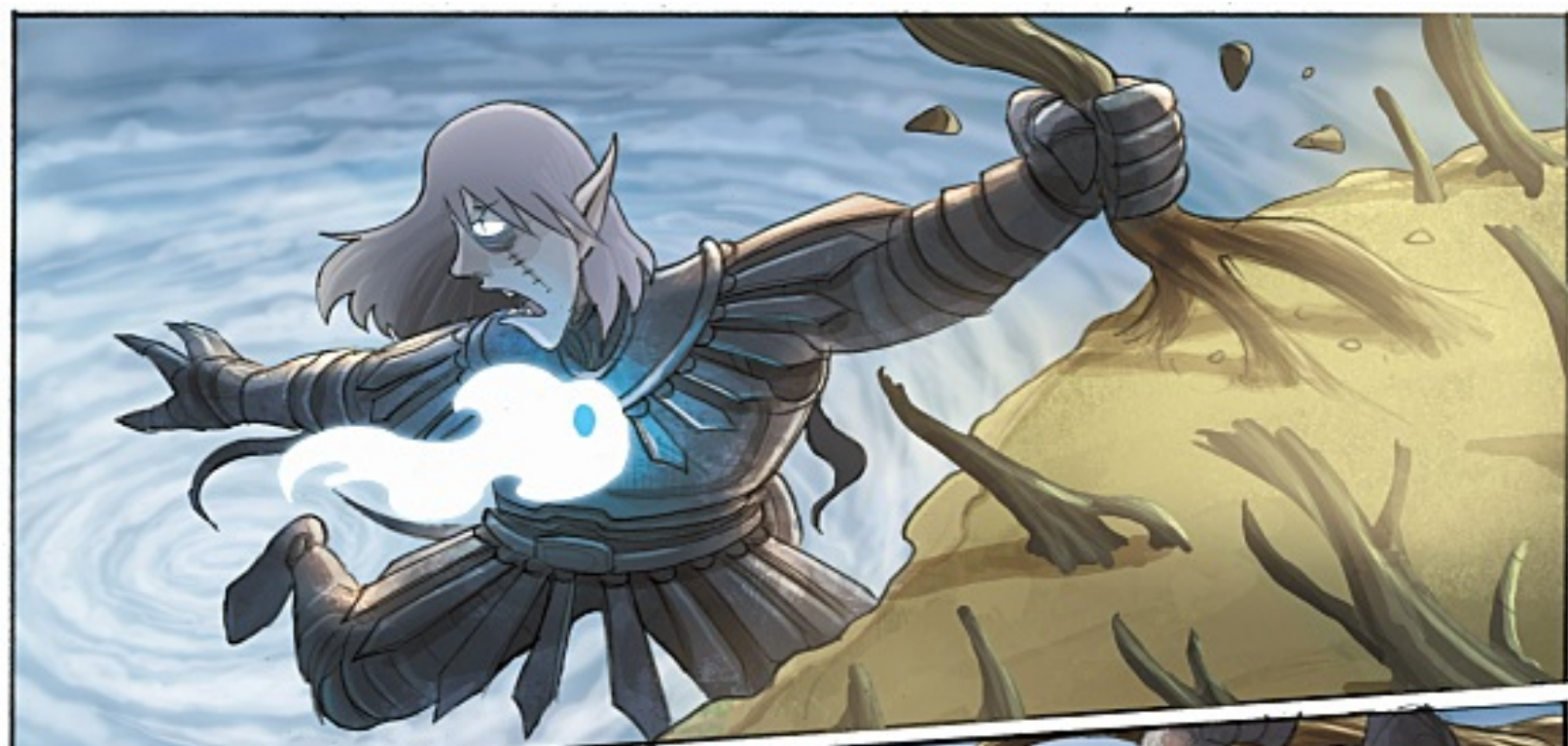














IT IS TIME
TO END THIS
LITTLE DANCE,
EMILY.

NOW
FOCUS.



YOU STONEKEEPERS
MAKE ME SICK.

YOUR SPECIAL
POWERS WERE SIMPLY
GIVEN TO YOU.

YOU NEVER HAD
TO EARN THEM.



AND YET, YOU
HAVE DIFFICULTY
DEFEATING A
SIMPLE ELF.

DESPITE YOUR
POWERS, YOU ARE
EASILY OUTWITTED.

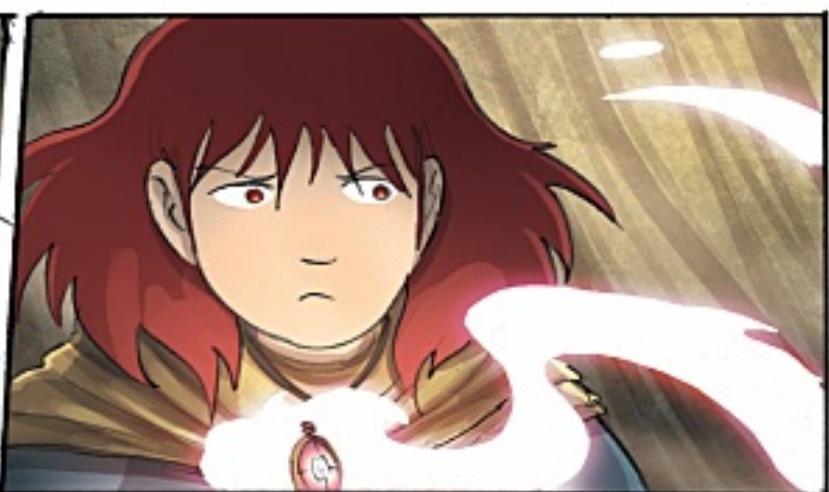


LET'S SHOW HIM
HOW WE MATCH
WITS. YOU KNOW
WHAT TO DO.











YOU THINK
YOU'RE IN
CONTROL.
BUT YOU'RE
NOT.

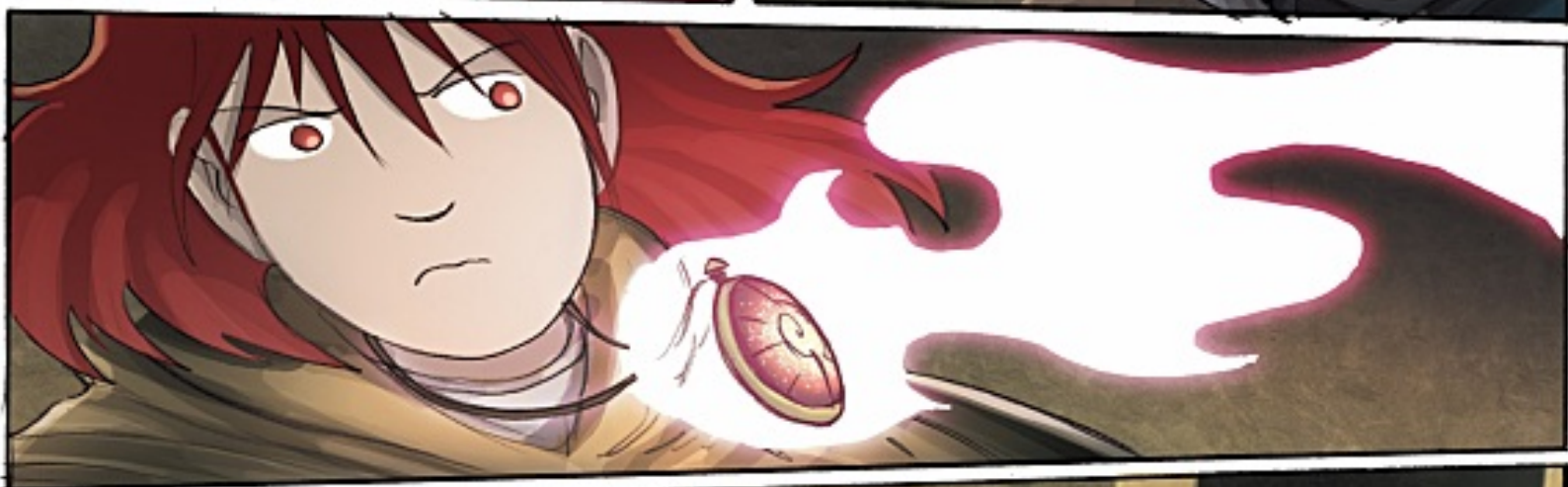


THE STONE
HAS ITS OWN
AGENDA.

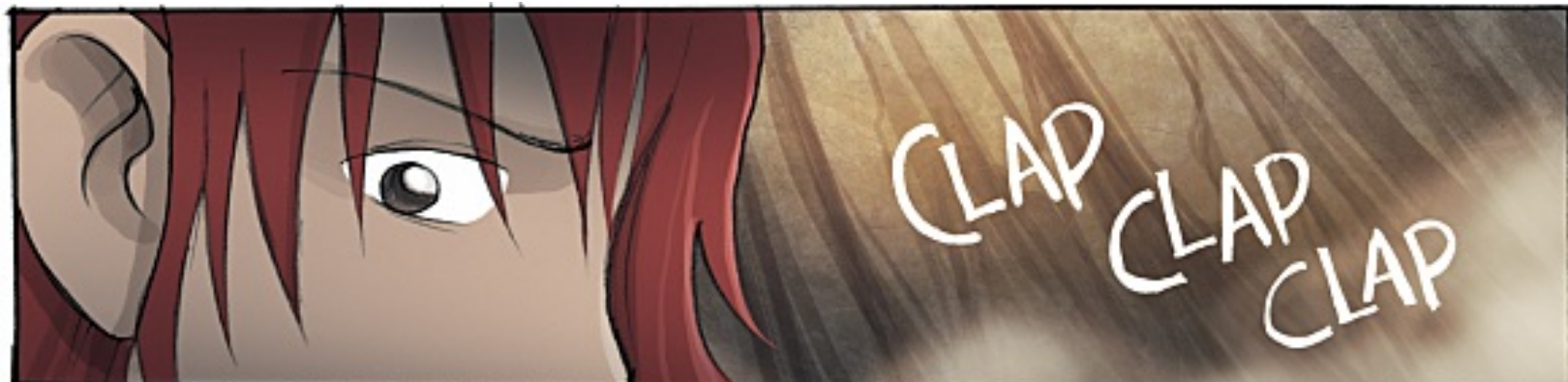
AND WHEN
IT'S FINISHED
WITH YOU...




...YOU
WILL DIE
LIKE THE
REST.











THIS STONE-KEEPER MAY VERY WELL BE A NEW MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.


I WANT YOU TO TREAT HER ORDERS AS IF THEY WERE MY OWN.




YES, SIR.



NOW THIS ISN'T JUST A FREE PASS, OLD MAN.



UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL BE WATCHING OVER THE BOTH OF YOU LIKE A HAWK.

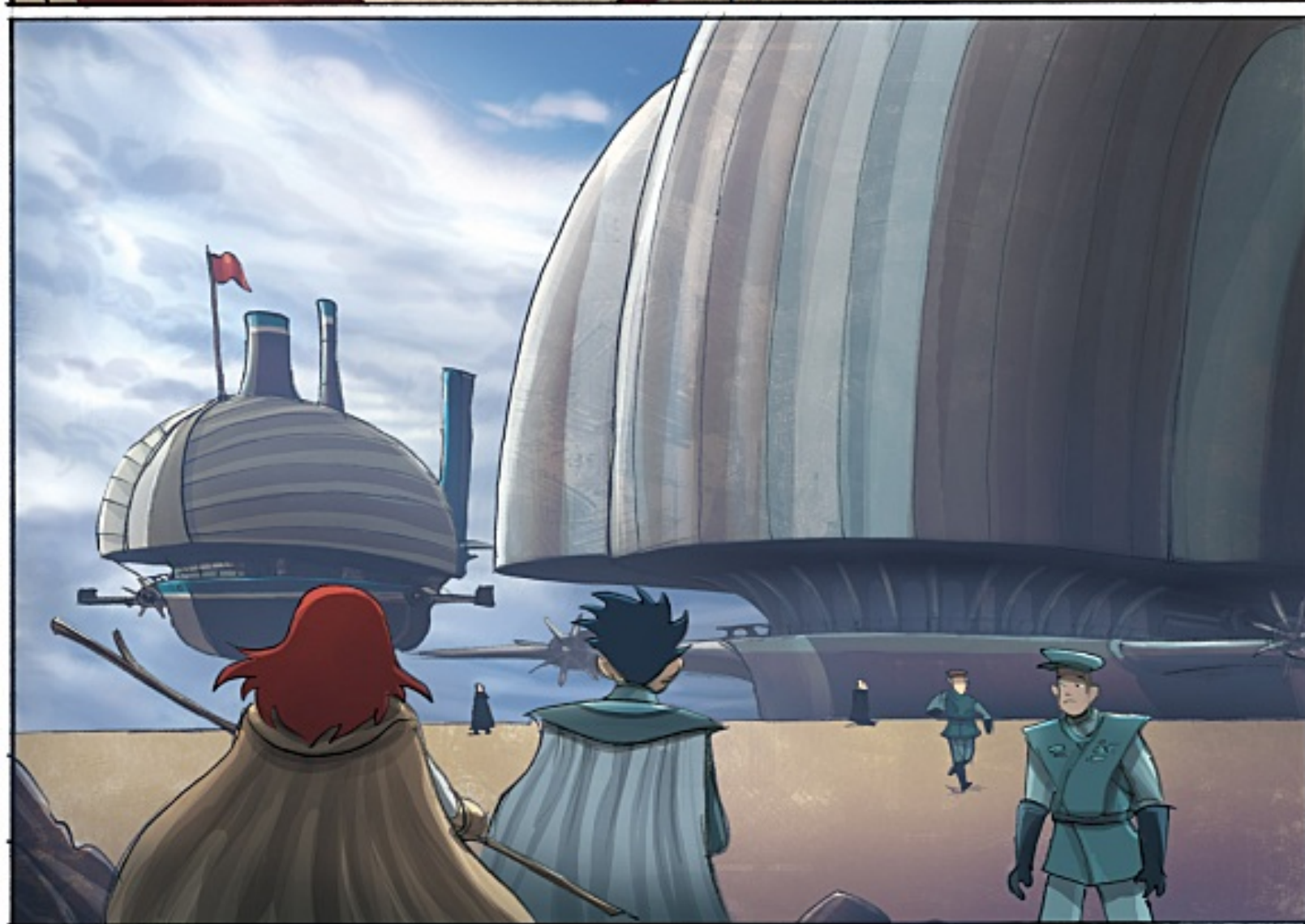


AND YOU MUST BE THE SOLDIER, LEON REDBEARD.



YES, SIR.









THEY WILL
TEACH YOU
THINGS THAT
I CANNOT.

EMILY!

MAX HERE HAS
BEEN TELLING ME
ALL ABOUT THE
SCHOOL.

I THINK IT'S
EXCITING!

SCHOOL?

IT IS WHY
YOU'RE HERE,
ISN'T IT?

WHY WE'RE
BOTH HERE.

WE WILL BE
TRAINED AND
TESTED TO SEE
WHO AMONG US
WILL MAKE UP THE
NEW GUARDIAN
COUNCIL.

WE'LL BE
ENTERING THE
JUMP GATE
MOMENTARILY.

THANK YOU,
DUNCAN.



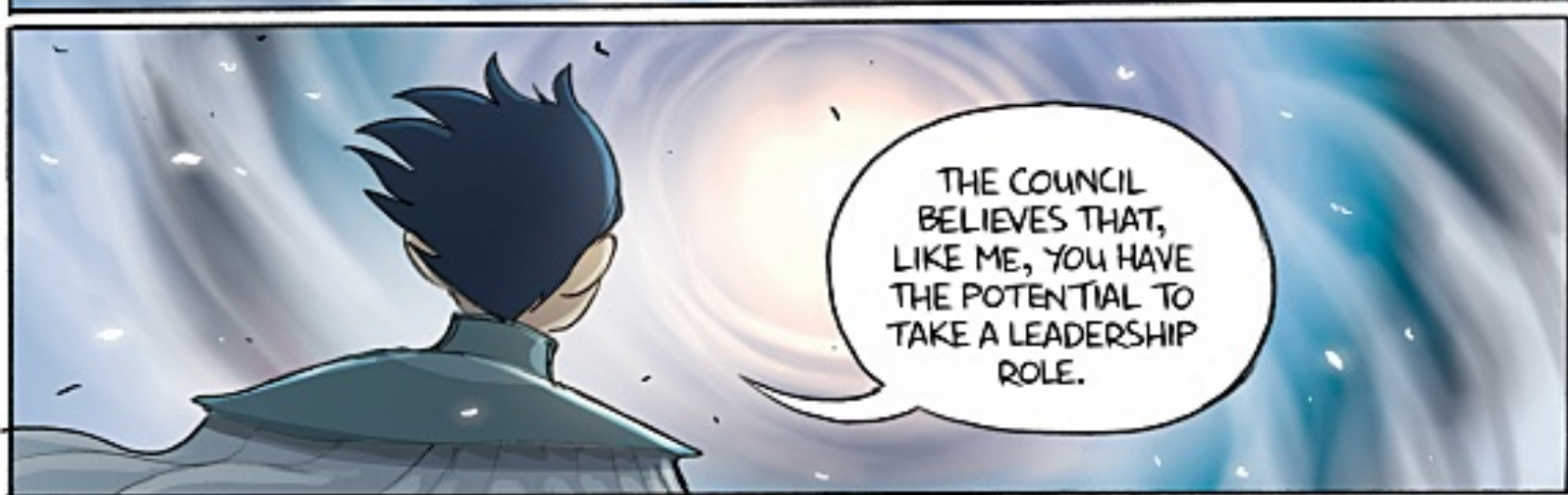
WHAT ABOUT
THE CURRENT
COUNCIL?
WHAT
WILL HAPPEN
TO THEM?



THEY ARE
DYING,
EMILY.
AND THEY
ARE LOOKING
FOR THEIR
SUCCESSORS.



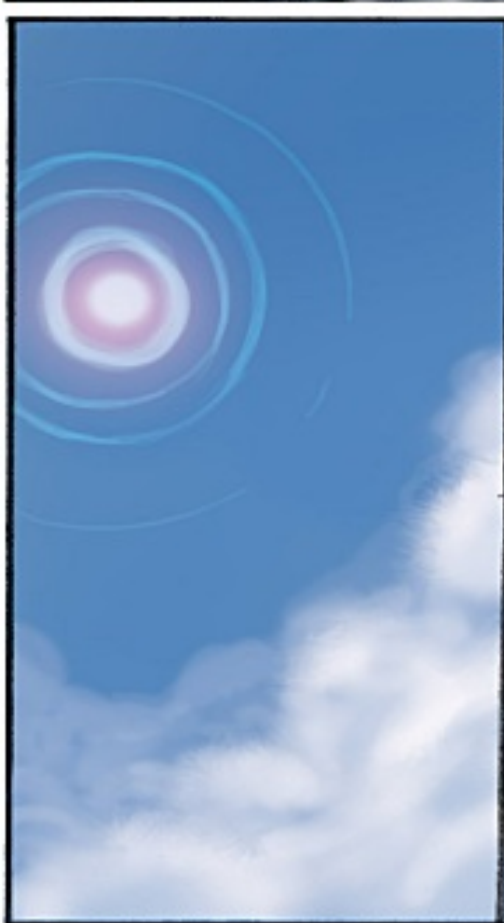
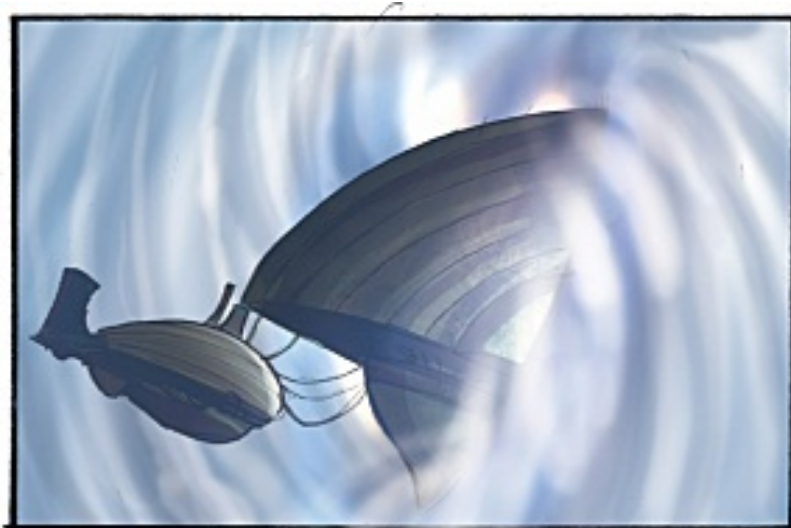
THE BEST OF
US WILL BE LEFT
TO GOVERN
ALLEDIA.



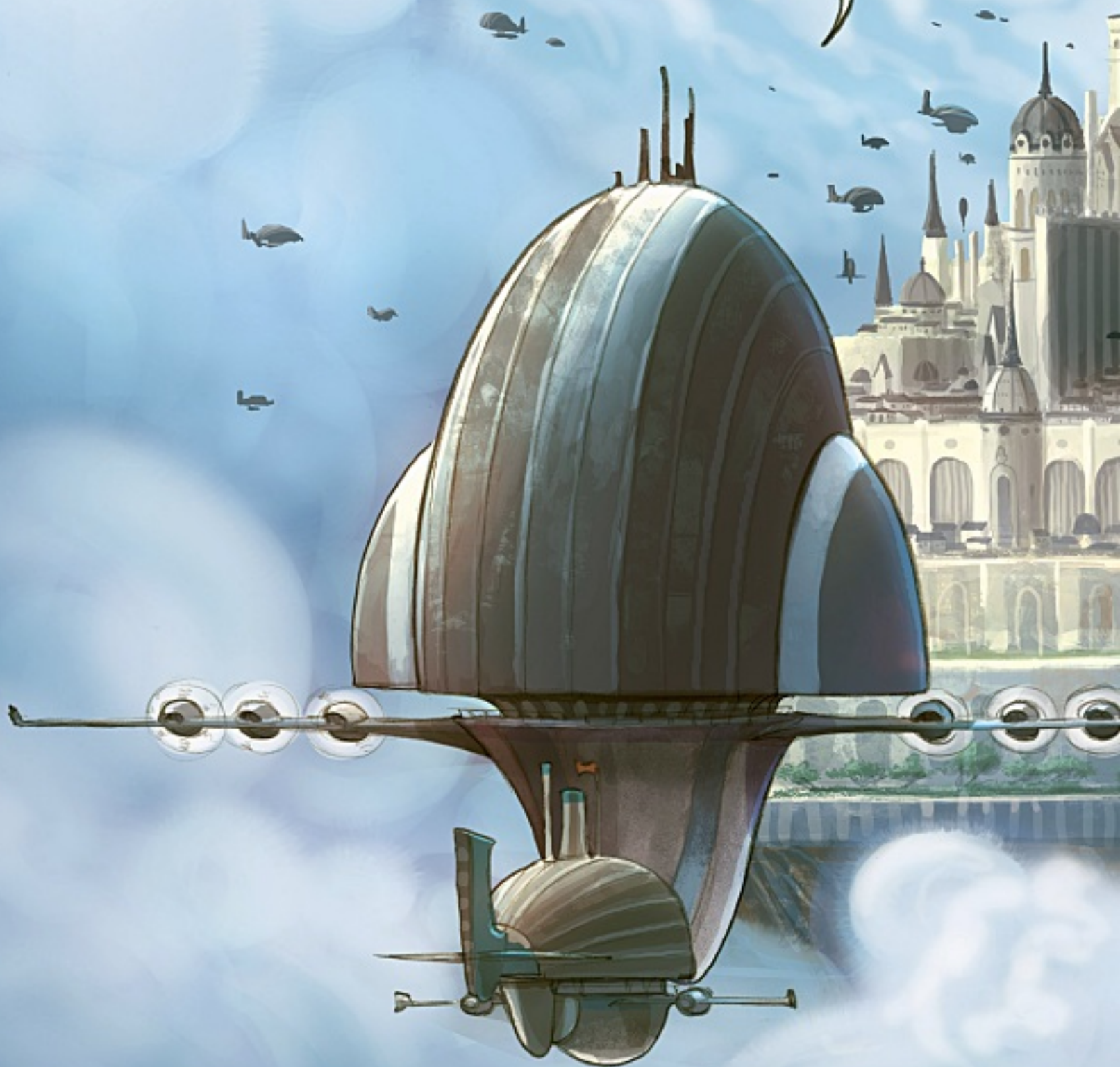
THE COUNCIL
BELIEVES THAT,
LIKE ME, YOU HAVE
THE POTENTIAL TO
TAKE A LEADERSHIP
ROLE.



CAN YOU IMAGINE
WHAT HAVING THAT
KIND OF POWER
MUST FEEL LIKE?



WE'RE GOING TO
MAKE OURSELVES
SOME POSTCARDS!





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